

# Novena Prayers *to* St. Thomas More

## **First Day (for each of us)**

Dear St. Thomas More, in your earthly life, you were a model of prudence. You never thrust yourself rashly into any serious undertaking; instead, you tested the strength of your powers and waited on God's will in prayer and penance, then boldly carried it out without hesitation. Through your prayers and intercession, obtain for me the virtues of patience, prudence, wisdom and courage. Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory Be...

## **Second Day (For our Children)**

Dear St. Thomas More, in your earthly life, you were a model of diligence. You shunned procrastination, applied yourself with fervor to your studies, and spared no effort in achieving mastery in any skill. Through your prayers and intercession, obtain for our children the virtue of diligence and persistence in preparations for all undertakings. Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory Be

## **Third Day (for those suffer from unemployment)**

Dear St. Thomas More, in your earthly life, you were a model of industriousness. You threw yourself wholeheartedly into everything you did, and you found enjoyment even in the most serious things. Through your prayers and intercession, obtain for me the grace of always having suitable employment, the grace to find interest in everything fitting, and the fortitude always to pursue excellence in whatever task God gives me to do. Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory Be...

## **Fourth Day (for peace with those we struggle to live/work)**

Dear St. Thomas More, in your earthly life, you were a brilliant lawyer and a just and compassionate judge. You attended to the smallest details of your legal duties with the greatest care, and you were unflagging in your pursuit of justice tempered by mercy. Through your prayers and intercession, obtain for me the grace to overcome every temptation to laxity, arrogance, and rash judgment in my (legal) duties. Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory Be...

## **Fifth Day (for those suffer the problem of addiction)**

Dear St. Thomas More, in your earthly life, you were a model of humility. You never allowed pride to lead you to take on enterprises beyond your abilities; even in the midst of earthly wealth and honor, you never forgot your total dependence on your Heavenly Father. Through your prayers and intercession, obtain for me the grace of an increase in humility, and the wisdom not to overestimate my own powers. Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory Be...

## **Sixth Day (for happy home and peace in the family)**

Dear St. Thomas More, in your earthly life, you were a model husband and father. You were loving and faithful to both of your wives, and a diligent provider and example of virtue for your children. Through your prayers and intercession, obtain for me the grace of a happy home, peace in my family, and the strength to persevere in chastity according to my state of life. Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory Be...

## **Seventh Day (for health and spiritual welfare)**

Dear St. Thomas More, in your earthly life, you were a model of Christian fortitude. You suffered bereavement, disgrace, poverty, imprisonment and a violent death; yet you bore all with the strength and good cheer for which you were known throughout your life. Through your

prayers and intercession, obtain for me the grace to bear all the crosses that God sends me with patience and joy. Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory Be...

### **Eighth Day (for the gift of discernment)**

Dear St. Thomas More, in your earthly life, you were a loyal child of God and a steadfast son of the Church, never taking your eyes off the crown for which you strove. Even in the face of death, you trusted in God to give you the victory, and He rewarded you with the palm of martyrdom. Through your prayers and intercession, obtain for me and mine the grace of final perseverance and protection from sudden and unprovided death, so that we may one day enjoy the Beatific Vision in your glorious company. Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory Be...

### **Ninth Day (for the special needs of the family)**

Dear St. Thomas More, you spent your whole earthly life preparing for the life to come. Everything you endured prepared you not only for the glory God wished to bestow upon you in heaven, but for your work as the patron of lawyers, judges and statesmen, and steadfast friend to all who call upon you. Through your prayers and intercession, obtain for us aid in all our necessities, both corporal and spiritual, and the grace to follow in your footsteps, until at last we are safely home with you in the mansions our Father has prepared for us in heaven. Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory Be..

### **Litany of St. Thomas More**

*(To be prayed each day **after** the Novena prayers on the pages that follow)*

Lord, have mercy. Lord have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord have mercy.  
Christ hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

St. Thomas More, Model of Integrity and Virtue in Public and Private Life, Pray for us.  
St. Thomas More, Servant of the Word of God and the Body and Blood of Christ, Pray for us.  
St. Thomas More, Model of Holiness in the Sacrament of Marriage, Pray for us.  
St. Thomas More, Teacher of his Children in the Catholic Faith, Pray for us.  
St. Thomas More, Defender of the Weak and the Poor, Pray for us.  
St. Thomas More, Patron of Statesmen, Politicians and Lawyers, Pray for us.  
St. Thomas More, Patron of Justices, Judges and Magistrates, Pray for us.  
St. Thomas More, Promoter of Human Life and Dignity, Pray for us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Spare us O Lord.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Graciously hear us O Lord.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Dear St. Thomas More you had a very strong faith in the providence of God to completely surrender every moment of your life to the holy will of God. I pray through your intercession that I may be freed all our fears and anxieties; that I may face life with courage and joy. Pray for me that God may grant me and my family good health and cheer of heart. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.