



**NOVENA
TO
MARY, REFUGE OF HOLY LOVE**

February 8, 2008

St. Bernard says: "Praise be to Jesus. I am Bernard of Clairvaux. I was a Cistercian in my worldly existence. Today, I come to you with this prayer:"

"Mary, my Mother, Protectress and Refuge—Your Immaculate Heart is our safe harbor in any storm. Manifest now the power God has given You in answer to this plea—Mary, Protectress of the Faith and Refuge of Holy Love. Amen."

February 15, 2008

"I have come so that the world will understand that the building blocks—the foundation of trust—are the virtues of faith, hope and love. The stronger these three virtues, the deeper the trust in God."

"The prayer I dictated previously [February 8] is to be said every day with the following 5-day novena to Mary, Refuge of Holy Love:"

Day 1

"Sweetest Mary, our Refuge and Protectress, increase within us the virtues of faith, hope and love so that our trust in You will be unfailing. Amen." (Recite prayer).

Day 2

"Dearest Mary, You are our Protectress and Refuge. Hide me in the deepest recesses of Your Heart which is pure love. Protect me from the snares and temptations of Satan. Help me to conform to God's Divine Will in every present moment. Amen." (Recite prayer).

Day 3

"Mary, my Mother, Protectress and Refuge, open the inner recesses of Your Heart to me. Purify my soul—poor sinner that I am—in the Flame of Your Heart."

"I surrender to You now all my sins, that which leads me into sin, and all my lack of trust. Help me to conform to the Divine Will of God. Amen." (Recite prayer).

Day 4

"Mary, my Mother and Refuge, let the grace of Your Heart, which is Holy Love, pour into my soul just as sunlight splashes across the face of the earth."

"Enlighten my heart as to the ways I can show Jesus I love Him more, and thus come deeper into personal holiness. Amen." (Recite prayer).

Day 5

"Mary, Refuge of Holy Love, as we complete this novena, be so kind as to extend to us the grace of the fulfillment of our petition according to the Eternal Father's Will. Then grant us the grace of accepting God's Divine Will as He manifests it. Amen." (Recite prayer).