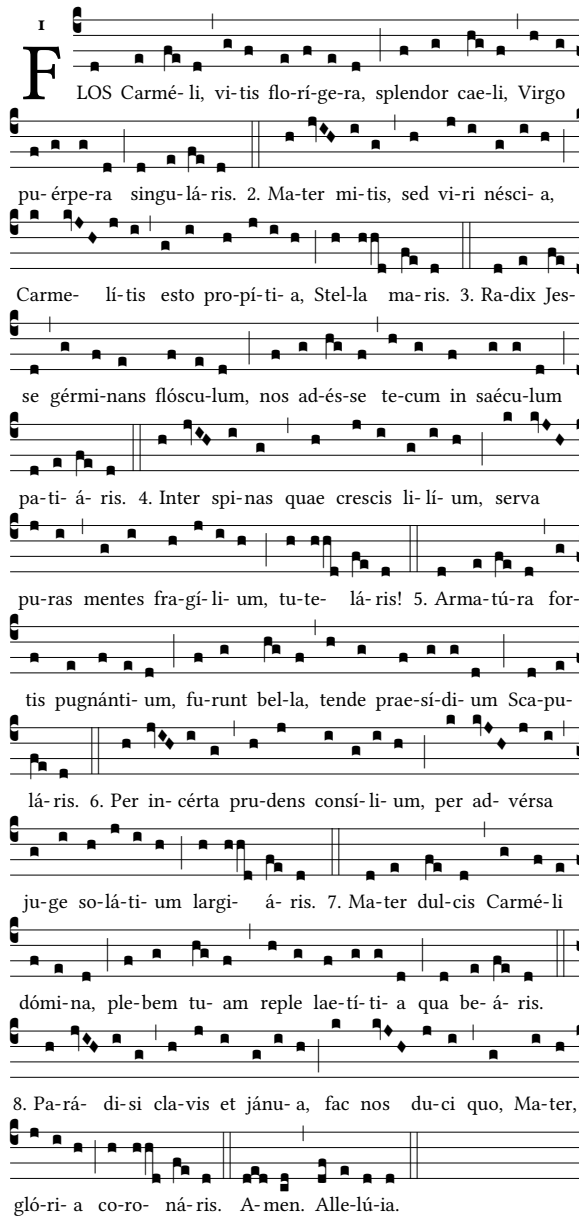


Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel

July 7th - 15th

FLOS CARMELI



F LOS Carmé-li, vi-tis flo-ri-ge-ra, splendor cae-li, Virgo
pu-érpe-ra singu-lá-ris. 2. Ma-ter mi-tis, sed vi-ri nésci-a,
Carme-lí-tis esto pro-pí-ti-a, Stel-la ma-ris. 3. Ra-dix Jes-
se gérmí-nans flóscu-lum, nos ad-és-se te-cum in saécu-lum
pa-ti-á-ris. 4. Inter spi-nas quae crescís li-lí-um, serva
pu-ras mentes fra-gí-li-um, tu-te-lá-ris! 5. Arma-tú-ra for-
tis pugnánti-um, fu-runt bel-la, tende prae-sí-di-um Sca-pu-
lá-ris. 6. Per in-cérta pru-dens consí-li-um, per ad-vérsa
ju-ge so-lá-ti-um largi-á-ris. 7. Ma-ter dul-cis Carmé-li
dómi-na, ple-bem tu-am reple lae-tí-ti-a qua be-á-ris.
8. Pa-rá-di-si cla-vis et jánu-a, fac nos du-ci quo, Ma-ter,
gló-ri-a co-ro-ná-ris. A-men. Alle-lú-ia.

Flower of Carmel,
Tall vine blossom laden;
Splendour of heaven,
Childbearing yet maiden.
None equals thee.

Mother so tender,
Who no man didst know,
On Carmel's children
Thy favours bestow.
Star of the Sea.

Strong stem of Jesse,
Who bore one bright flower,
Be ever near us
And guard us each hour,
who serve thee here.

Purest of lilies,
That flowers among thorns,
Bring help to the true heart
That in weakness turns
and trusts in thee.

Strongest of armour,
We trust in thy might:
Under thy mantle,
Hard press'd in the fight,
we call to thee.

Our way uncertain,
Surrounded by foes,
Unfailing counsel
You give to those
who turn to thee.

O gentle Mother
Who in Carmel reigns,
Share with your servants
That gladness you gained
and now enjoy.

Hail, Gate of Heaven,
With glory now crowned,
Bring us to safety
Where thy Son is found,
true joy to see.

*Attributed to St Simon Stock
(c. 1165 - 1265)
Translation anonymous.*

Novena Format

- Sign of the Cross
- Daily Novena Prayer
- Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be
- Litany of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- Daily Closing Prayer
- Flos Carmeli

Daily Novena Prayer

First Day — July 7

O Beautiful Flower of Carmel, most fruitful vine, splendor of heaven, holy and singular, who brought forth the Son of God, still ever remaining a pure virgin, assist us in our necessity! O Star of the Sea, help and protect us! Show us that you are our Mother!

Second Day — July 8

Most Holy Mary, Our Mother, in your great love for us you gave us the Holy Scapular of Mount Carmel, having heard the prayers of your chosen son Saint Simon Stock. Help us now to wear it faithfully and with devotion. May it be a sign to us of our desire to grow in holiness.

Third Day — July 9

O Queen of Heaven, you gave us the Scapular as an outward sign by which we might be known as your faithful children. May we always wear it with honor by avoiding sin and imitating your virtues. Help us to be faithful to this desire of ours.

Fourth Day — July 10

When you gave us, Gracious Lady, the Scapular as our Habit, you called us to be not only servants, but also your own children. We ask you to gain for us from your Son the grace to live as your children in joy, peace and love.

Fifth Day — July 11

O Mother of Fair Love, through your goodness, as your children, we are called to live in the spirit of Carmel. Help us to live in charity with one another, prayerful as Elijah of old, and mindful of our call to minister to God's people.

LITANY OF OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

Sixth Day — July 12

With loving provident care, O Mother Most Amiable, you covered us with your Scapular as a shield of defense against the Evil One. Through your assistance, may we bravely struggle against the powers of evil, always open to your Son Jesus Christ.

Seventh Day — July 13

O Mary, Help of Christians, you assured us that wearing your Scapular worthily would keep us safe from harm. Protect us in both body and soul with your continual aid. May all that we do be pleasing to your Son and to you.

Eighth Day — July 14

You give us hope, O Mother of Mercy, that through your Scapular promise we might quickly pass through the fires of purgatory to the Kingdom of your Son. Be our comfort and our hope. Grant that our hope may not be in vain but that, ever faithful to your Son and to you, we may speedily enjoy after death the blessed company of Jesus and the saints.

Ninth Day — July 15

O Most Holy Mother of Mount Carmel, when asked by a saint to grant privileges to the family of Carmel, you gave assurance of your Motherly love and help to those faithful to you and to your Son. Behold us, your children.

Daily Closing Prayer

We glory in wearing your holy habit, which makes us members of your family of Carmel, through which we shall have your powerful protection in life, at death and even after death. Look down with love, O Gate of Heaven, on all those now in their last agony! Look down graciously, O Virgin, Flower of Carmel, on all those in need of help! Look down mercifully, O Mother of our Savior, on all those who do not know that they are numbered among your children. Look down tenderly, O Queen of All Saints, on the poor souls!

Lord, have mercy on us. *Christ, have mercy on us.*
Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us. *Christ, graciously hear us.*
God the Father of Heaven, *Have mercy on us.*
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy on us.*
God the Holy Spirit, *Have mercy on us.*
Holy Trinity, One God, *Have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, *pray for us.*
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Queen of Heaven, *pray for us.*
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, vanquisher of Satan, *pray for us.*
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, most dutiful Daughter, *pray for us.*
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, most pure Virgin, *pray for us.*
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, most devoted Spouse, *pray for us.*
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, most tender Mother, *pray for us.*
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, perfect model of virtue, *pray for us.*
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, sure anchor of hope, *pray for us.*
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, refuge in affliction, *pray for us.*
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, dispenser of God's gifts, *pray for us.*
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, tower of strength against our foes, *pray for us.*
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, our aid in danger, *pray for us.*
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, road leading to Jesus, *pray for us.*
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, our light in darkness, *pray for us.*
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, our consolation at the hour of death, *pray for us.*
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, advocate of the most abandoned sinners, *pray for us.*

For those hardened in vice, *With confidence we come to thee, O Lady of Mount Carmel.*
For those who grieve thy Son, *With confidence we come to thee, O Lady of Mount Carmel.*
For those who neglect to pray, *With confidence we come to thee, O Lady of Mount Carmel.*
For those who are in their agony, *With confidence we come to thee, O Lady of Mount Carmel.*
For those who delay their conversion, *With confidence we come to thee, O Lady of Mount Carmel.*
For those suffering in Purgatory, *With confidence we come to thee, O Lady of Mount Carmel.*
For those who know thee not, *With confidence we come to thee, O Lady of Mount Carmel.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us.*

V. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Hope of the Despairing,
R. *Intercede for us with thy Divine Son.*

Let Us Pray.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, glorious Queen of Angels, channel of God's tenderest mercy to man, refuge and advocate of sinners, with confidence we prostrate ourselves before thee, beseeching thee to obtain for us our intentions in this novena. In return we solemnly promise to have recourse to thee in all our trials, sufferings and temptations, and we shall do all in our power to induce others to love and reverence thee and to invoke thee in all their needs. We thank thee for the numberless blessings which we have received from thy mercy and powerful intercession. Continue to be our shield in danger, our guide in life, and our consolation at the hour of death. Amen.