

A Very Powerful Novena Prayer
In Honor of Your Holy Guardian Angel
Written by Saint John Bosco for the boys of his oratory

1. My Guardian Angel, you who have not forgotten to take such great care of me, a contrite sinner: Oh! I implore you, strengthen my soul with a living faith, steadfast hope, and burning charity; so that, rejecting the world, I may desire to love and serve my God alone!

Pray “Angel of God” and “Glory Be” 3 times after each of the 5 sections:

Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom God’s love commits me here; ever this day be at my side, to light and to guard, to rule and to guide. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

2. Most noble prince of the Heavenly court, who has lowered yourself to take such great care of this poor soul of mine, defend it from the snares and assaults of the devil, that I may never again offend my Lord!

3. Most glorious spirit, who with diligent kindness does tirelessly occupy yourself with the welfare of my soul, obtain for me the grace that I may be ever devoted to you, and that I may always be faithful in carrying out all that you will suggest to me in my heart.

4. Most merciful Guardian of my soul, you have so many times humbled yourself in coming from Heaven to earth in order to exercise your ministry for my benefit! Grant that I, too, may acquire a true spirit of humility. And may I be fully convinced that by myself I can do nothing, except with your powerful aid and the grace of my Lord!

5. Most gracious spirit, who exerts so much effort and care for the salvation of my soul, obtain for me from Our Lord, that at the end of my life, in the care of your defense, my soul may in that moment pass from your hands into the most loving embrace of my Jesus!

Final Prayer: Because, my most gracious Guardian, all that you do for me is directed solely to the salvation of my soul: Oh! I beg you, when I come to the end of my life and am immersed in the sorrow of my affliction; when my soul is about to separate from my body to appear before its Creator; defend my soul from its enemies, that rising victorious, it may be conducted by you to enjoy forever the glory of Paradise! So be it. Amen!

