Novena prayer

P: Let us pray: Eternal Father, you graciously looked upon the humility of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and made her to be the Mother of the Word Incarnate. Grant we beseech you that we who honor her Assumption into the Kingdom of Heaven, may by her intercession also come to share in the inheritance of those you have redeemed by the precious Blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. R: Amen

P: With faith and confidence let us bring before the Lord through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our prayers and intentions as we together say:

Most holy Immaculate Virgin and my Mother "Mary, to you who are the Mother of my Lord," the Queen of the world," the advocate,* the hope, and the refuge of sinners, "I have recourse today," I who am the most miserable of all," I render you my most humble homage, 0 great Queen," and I thank you for all the graces you have conferred on me until now," particularly for having delivered me from hell," which I have so often deserved," I love you, 0 most amiable Lady," for the love which I bear you," I promise to serve you always," and to do all in my power to make others love you also." Dearest Mother* bring before the throne of your beloved Son* the prayers and intentions I ask during this novena*

(Here we mention our prayers; please also pray for all who are present today. Pray for the intentions of our Holy Father the Pope, and for all the clergy. Pray also for the sick and dying, and for the suffering souls in purgatory)

P: I place in you all my hopes; ALL: I confide my salvation to your care,* Accept me for your servant, and receive me under your mantle,* 0 Mother of Mercy,* And since you are so powerful with God,* deliver me from all temptations,* or rather obtain for me the strength to triumph over them until death.* Of you I ask a perfect love for Jesus Christ,* Through you I hope to die a good death.* 0 my Mother, by the love which you bear to God,* I beseech you to help me at times,* especially at the last moment of my life.* Leave me not, I beseech you,* until I am safe in heaven,* blessing you, and singing your mercies for all eternity.* Amen. So I hope. So may it be.

P: Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee; Blessed art thou amongst women, and blest is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

R: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. (3 times)