

# St. Monica Novena Patroness of Wives and Abuse Victims



Novena Starts: August 18<sup>th</sup>  
Feast day: August 27<sup>th</sup>  
Birth: 332, North Africa

## *Intro Prayer*

Dear Saint Monica, troubled wife and mother, you endured many sorrows, difficulties, and humiliations. However, you never despaired or lost faith. Grant me that same fortitude, patience, and trust in the Lord.

## *Daily Prayer*

Today we pray for women and men who are victims of domestic violence, may God help them free themselves from abuse and live safely in the peace of Christ.

## *Concluding Prayer*

Dear St Monica, troubled wife and mother, many sorrows pierced your heart during your lifetime. Yet you never despaired or lost faith. With confidence, persistence, and profound faith, you prayed daily for the conversion of your beloved husband, Patricius and your beloved son, Augustine.

Grant me that same fortitude, patience, and trust in the Lord. Intercede for me, dear St. Monica, that God may favorably hear my plea for *(mention your petition here)*.

And grant me the grace to accept his will in all things, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

## Day 2 Prayer

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### *Intro Prayer*

Dear Saint Monica, troubled wife and mother, you endured many sorrows, difficulties, and humiliations. However, you never despaired or lost faith. . Grant me that same fortitude, patience, and trust in the Lord.

### *Daily Prayer*

Today we pray for children traumatized by violence in their own homes, may God protect them from the violence, free them from the abuse and heal their wounds.

### *Concluding Prayer*

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Grant me that same fortitude, patience, and trust in the Lord. Intercede for me, dear St. Monica, that God may favorably hear my plea for *(mention your petition here)*.

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## Day 3 Prayer

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### *Daily Prayer*

Today we pray for all men and women who abuse their partners, whether physically, emotionally, economically or sexually, may God help them recognize their abusive behavior and find help to turn lives around and be instruments of peace.

### *Concluding Prayer*

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Monica, that God may favorably hear my plea for (*mention your petition here*).

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#### Day 4 Prayer

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##### *Daily Prayer*

Today we pray for our community of faith, that we become as compassionate and sensitive toward victims of domestic violence as Jesus would be.

##### *Concluding Prayer*

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#### Day 5 Prayer

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##### *Daily Prayer*

Today we pray for all victims of domestic violence, may they feel neither guilt nor shame but have the courage to seek help in order to free themselves from abuse.

##### *Concluding Prayer*

Dear St Monica, troubled wife and mother, many sorrows pierced your heart during your lifetime. Yet you never despaired or lost faith. With confidence, persistence, and

profound faith, you prayed daily for the conversion of your beloved husband, Patricius and your beloved son, Augustine.

Grant me that same fortitude, patience, and trust in the Lord. Intercede for me, dear St. Monica, that God may favorably hear my plea for *(mention your petition here)*.

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### **Day 6 Prayer**

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#### ***Daily Prayer***

Today we pray for those who witness domestic violence – especially children – that they may understand that violence is never an expression of love, is never acceptable and must never be imitated.

#### ***Concluding Prayer***

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### **Day 7 Prayer**

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Dear Saint Monica, troubled wife and mother, you endured many sorrows, difficulties, and humiliations. However, you never despaired or lost faith. Grant me that same fortitude, patience, and trust in the Lord.

#### ***Daily Prayer***

Today we pray for victims of domestic violence – those who suffer emotional, physical or sexual abuse – at the hands of a loved one, we pray for a cessation of the violence and for help and support for the victim and perpetrator.

***Concluding Prayer***

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Grant me that same fortitude, patience, and trust in the Lord. Intercede for me, dear St. Monica, that God may favorably hear my plea for *(mention your petition here)*.

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**Day 8 Prayer**

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***Daily Prayer***

Today we pray for our families, may they know God's love and may they share this love with kindness and consideration for one another, free from abuse and controlling behaviors,

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**Day 9 Prayer**

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***Daily Prayer***

Today we pray for all of us and our parish that we might not judge victims of domestic violence but offer them the support they need to free themselves from abuse.

***Concluding Prayer***

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