

Novena Prayer to San Ezekiel Moreno

Saint Ezekiel Moreno

Born in Alfaro (La Rioja, Spain on April 9, 1848), He professed his vows in the Order of Augustinian Recollects in Monteagudo (Navarra) in 1865. He was ordained priest in Manila in 1871 and worked for 15 years as a missionary in the Philippines. Prior of Monteagudo in 1885; he left for Colombia in 1888 where he restored the Augustinian Recollect Order and reactivated the old missions. Named Apostolic Vicar of Casanare(1893) and Bishop of Pasto(1896), he was a model pastor for his fidelity to the Church and for his apostolic zeal. He fell ill and in 1906, returned to Spain, where he died of cancer on August 19 of the same year in the convent of Monteagudo. Innumerable cures, especially of cancer, are attributed to his intercession. Beatified on November 1, 1975, he was canonized on October 11, 1992 in Santo Domingo on the occasion of the 5th Centenary of the Evangelization of American.

Prayer

O God, in St. Ezekiel Moreno, You have given us a model of fidelity to the Gospel and of a pastor according to the Sacred Heart of Your Son, Grant us, through his intercession, that we might give ourselves fully to him by joyfully living our Christian witness and consecrating ourselves to the service of Your Church. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Novena Prayers in Honor of St. Ezekiel Moreno, OAR

First Day - Daily Opening

Daily Opening Prayer

Most loving Father, I humbly ask You to forgive all my sins, to give me a strong will to amend my ways, and perseverance in Your friendship. Through the intercession of St. Ezekiel, I beg You to make me grow in Your holy service by faithfully fulfilling all my duties. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Reflection: St. Ezekiel was born and raised in a humble but deeply pious family, from which he inherited a character which, fortified by the religious vows helped him to attain holiness.(Pause)

Prayer of the Day: I beg You, O Lord, for the sanctification of all families; for the Christian formation of the youth, and for the specific needs of my own family. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Ask the favor you want to obtain by this Novena.

(Pause) Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be... St. Ezekiel, pray for us.

Daily Closing Prayer of Thanks

God Our Father, You gave us St. Ezekiel as a faithful preacher of Your Gospel and an outstanding pastor of Your Church. By this prayers help us reach out to you with all our heart as true witnesses of the Christian faith and life. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Second Day - Daily Opening Prayer

(As on the First Day)

Reflection: St. Ezekiel responded with great generosity to his vocation as a religious, as a priest, and as a missionary. He was always and everywhere an active and docile instrument in the hands of the Lord. Are we?(Pause)

Prayer of the Day: Grant us, O Lord, a strong will to fulfill faithfully our duties in our own state of life, so that we may always enjoy the effectiveness of Your Help. Through Christ our Lord. (Ask the favor...)

Daily Closing Prayer of Thanks

(As on the First Day)

Third Day - Daily Opening Prayer

(As on the First Day)

Reflection: An outstanding portion of Ezekiel's life was his dedication to the ministry of preaching, hearing, confessions, counseling souls, caring for the sick, and many other occupations of missionary work.(Pause)

Prayer of the Day: We beg you today, Lord, for religious and priestly vocations. Inspire laborers, give them perseverance, and bless their apostolic endeavors. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen. (Ask the favor...)

Daily Closing Prayer of Thanks

(As on the First Day)

Fourth Day - Daily Opening Prayer

(As on the First Day)

Reflection: "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." and let us beg him to send them out with the same spirit and dedication of his servant Ezekiel, so that the Kingdom of Christ may reach till the ends of the earth.(Pause)

Prayer of the Day: Hear our prayer, O Lord, on behalf of all missionaries, especially those of our Order. They are our representatives; they have accepted the most difficult part of Your service. Help them, Lord, and ever increase their numbers. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen. (Ask the favor...)

Daily Closing Prayer of Thanks

(As on the First Day)

Fifth Day - Daily Opening Prayer

(As on the First Day)

Reflection: The most perfect thing we can do is to carry out the will of God in everything. St. Ezekiel attained such a high degree of holiness because he tried to fulfill God's will at any cost and in all the circumstances of his entire life. (Pause)

Prayer of the Day: Grant us, O Lord, to accept with generosity the designs of Your most holy will and always to trust in your loving protection. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen. (Ask the favor...)

Daily Closing Prayer of Thanks

(As on the First Day)

Sixth Day - Daily Opening Prayer

(As on the First Day)

Reflection: It has been said that prayer is the soul of all apostolate. St. Ezekiel spent several hours every day in contemplation, usually before the Tabernacle. Hence, his ardent charity, his apostolic zeal, his courage, and his profound interior life. (Pause)

Prayer of the Day: O Lord, teach us to pray give us perseverance in prayer and trust in Your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen. (Ask the favor...)

Daily Closing Prayer of Thanks

(As on the First Day)

Seventh Day - Daily Opening Prayer

(As on the First Day)

Reflection: Devotion to the Virgin Mary is the guarantee of a truly Christian life. St. Ezekiel professed a tender affection for the Mother of Lord; through his religious profession, and at her feet he wanted, like a loving son, to surrender his soul to God.(Pause)

Prayer of the Day: We ask you, O Lord, to increase our devotion to Your Mother and our Mother, so that by imitating her, we may enjoy her protection and obtain everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen. (Ask the favor...)

Daily Closing Prayer of Thanks

(As on the First Day)

Eighth Day - Daily Opening Prayer

(As on the First Day)

Reflection: Love of God and love of neighbor is the synthesis of Christian life. St. Ezekiel dedicated his entire life to the service of others. His zeal for the sanctification of souls, his love for the poor, the sick, and the needy knew no limits.(Pause)

Prayer of the Day: May his example, O Lord, encourage us to live in harmony with our brothers and sisters to show sincere concern for the need. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen. (Ask the favor...)

Daily Closing Prayer of Thanks

(As on the First Day)

Ninth Day - Daily Opening Prayer

(As on the First Day)

Reflection: Jesus Christ redeemed us through suffering. St. Ezekiel, in his life of austerity, drank the chalice of suffering. For more than a year he suffered intense physical pain from cancer of the palate and nose with admirable courage and the heroism of a saint.(Pause)

Prayer of the Day: Loving father, assist us in our needs and help us to profit by them for our purification, so that we may become more and more like you. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen. (Ask the favor...)

Daily Closing Prayer of Thanks

(As on the First Day)