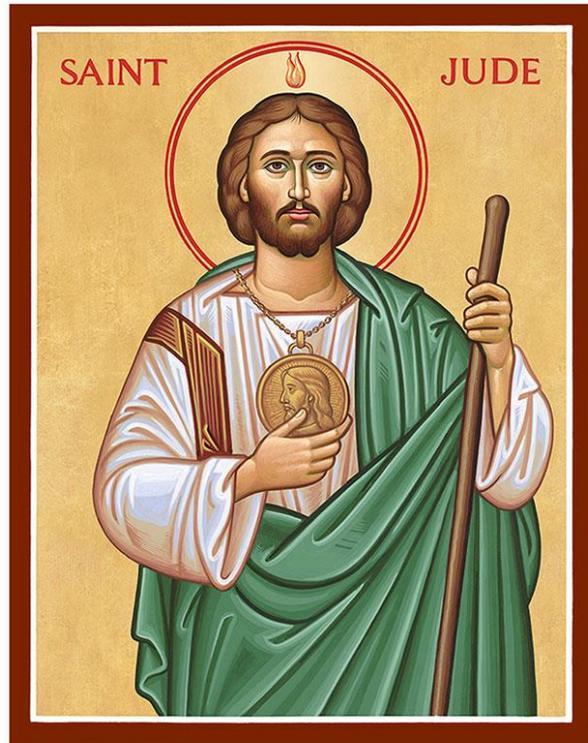


**St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

## ***A Novena Prayer for Hope***



**With Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Led by Fr. Trey Nelson**

The video of this novena prayer can be found at  
[www.stjudecatholic.org](http://www.stjudecatholic.org) by clicking our parish **YouTube** icon

## PREPARATION FOR THE NOVENA

The following novena prayer is led by our pastor, Fr. Trey Nelson, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, in St. Jude Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. While you are not physically present in church, you are most definitely in the presence of Christ, wherever you are as you pray.

In preparation for the novena, you may wish to light a candle. Choose your most comfortable posture of reverence. This, for some, may be to kneel for part or all of the novena. For others, it may be to reverently sit. Take a few moments in silence prior to playing the video of the novena prayer.

**(PAUSE)**

## INTRODUCTION

**Priest-** Let us begin our prayer:

**All-** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Priest-** During this time of anxiety and concern, we come before you, O Lord, seeking the peace that only you can provide. You tell us that, whenever two or more of us gather in your name, you are with us. We trust in your presence now and always, as we pray together:

**All-** Dearest Jesus, Son of God, we turn to you once again in our time of need. We humbly ask that you pour forth the grace of your Holy Spirit upon us, as we journey together through this challenging time. We pray especially for all who are sick and for those are caring for the sick. Grant them your healing and courage. Keep us strong in faith, hope, and love. In your name we pray. Amen.

## INTERCESSIONS FOR HOPE

**Priest-** Father, in the Name of Jesus, and through the intercession of Saint Jude, the Apostle of Hope to those who feel as if they have no hope, we ask You to renew those who have lost hope in God and are unsure of what to believe.

**All-** *Let them hope again in God's real Love and in His image in which all are created.*

**INTERCESSIONS FOR HOPE**  
**(Continued)**

**Priest-** To give Hope to the sick and to all who cannot live their lives as they hoped to; to bring healing to those suffering with the CoronaVirus and any disease or affliction.

**All- *May they receive healing and know the Hope of redemptive suffering.***

**Priest-** To give Hope to all physicians, nurses, all health-care workers and first responders during this time; and to keep them kept safe from illness and all harm.

**All- *May they be granted the strength and perseverance needed to do your work.***

**Priest-** To give Hope to all who have been hurt by violence in any form.

**All- *May they receive hope, healing and the joy of restored strength.***

**Priest-** To give Hope and wisdom to all parents, especially of young children.

**All- *May their efforts to pass on a hope-filled faith to their children, now and always, bear fruit.***

**Priest-** To give Hope to all parents whose older children feel disconnected from their faith and faith community.

**All- *May they never lose hope in continued prayers, the seeds of the Faith planted when the children were young and God's ever-pursuant love.***

**Priest-** To give Hope to those who carry the heavy weight of addiction.

**All- *May they realize freedom, assisted by the company of others and the Grace of God.***

**Priest-** To give Hope to sinners.

**All- *Bring them through repentance to a new way of life.***

**Priest-** To give Hope to the bereaved who are face-to-face with death.

**All- *May they entrust their loved ones to God's Mercy and receive His loving consolation.***

**Priest-** we pause in a moment of silent prayer, asking God to instill hope in all of us.

**(Pause)**

**Priest-**we ask Mary, the Mother of Our Savior Jesus Christ, to intercede for us, as we now pray:

**All- "Hail, Mary..."**

## LITANY OF SAINTS

**Priest-** we turn to the Saints of our Church and to all of our beloved faithful departed and ask that they too intercede for us in God's holy presence.

**(Pause)**

**Priest-**Our Lady of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and patron of the Americas;  
**All-** pray for us.

**Priest-**Saint Jude the Apostle, patron of those who feel as if they have no hope;  
**All-** pray for us.

**Priest-**Saint Joseph, foster father of Jesus, patron of workers and our Diocese of Baton Rouge;  
**All-** pray for us.

**Priest-**Saint Luke the Evangelist, patron of physicians;  
**All-** pray for us.

**Priest-**Saint Agatha of Sicily, patron of nurses;  
**All-** pray for us.

**Priest-**Saint Michael the Archangel, patron of paramedics, law enforcement officers, and military personnel;  
**All-** pray for us.

**Priest-**you are invited at this time to take a moment and bring to mind or mention aloud the name of a Saint who is special to you.

**(Pause)**

**Priest-**we pause to also remember our beloved faithful departed, those love ones of ours, who we, by faith believe rest with God.

**(Pause)**

**Priest-** eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.  
**All-** and let perpetual light shine upon them.

## **PRAY TO SAINT JUDE, APOSTLE OF HOPE**

**Priest-** Most Holy Apostle, Saint Jude, patron Saint of impossible causes, I place myself in your care. With fervent trust and confidence, I seek your heavenly intercession.

**All-** Pray for me in my times of need. Help me realize each day that I am not alone when facing sickness, disease, suffering or sorrow. Assist me now, dear Saint Jude, in petitioning Almighty God for strength when I am in distress, courage to overcome my anxieties, and the gift of a complete healing of mind and body.

**Priest-** Ask our Loving Lord to deepen my faith and steadfast conviction in His healing power, and to bless me with the graces necessary to accept whatever may lie ahead for me and for my loved ones.

**All-** Thank you, O Holy Saint Jude, for the promise of hope you offer to all who believe. Inspire me always to offer this gift of hope to others. Amen.

## **PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Priest-** We pray in thanks to God for the gift of Jesus Christ present to us in the gift of Eucharist. Please pray with me:

**All-** Lord Jesus Christ,  
You gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of Your suffering and death.  
May our worship of this sacrament of Your body and blood  
help us to experience the salvation You won for us  
and the peace of the kingdom where You live with the Father  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**(THIS NOVENA PRAYER CONCLUDES ON THE NEXT PAGE)**

## PRAYER BY ARCHBISHOP JOSE GOMEZ OF LOS ANGELES

**Priest-** In light of these difficult days, Archbishop Jose Gomez of Los Angeles, and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has written the following prayer. I invite us to conclude this novena by praying it together:

**All-** Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,  
and gain for our nation and world,  
and for all our families and loved ones,  
the protection of your holy angels,  
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,  
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.  
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,  
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,  
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.  
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,  
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,  
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,  
keep us in the embrace of your arms,  
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

**Priest-**(all make the Sign of the Cross and conclude): and may God bless us all, in the name of the Father.

