



Novena

to Saint Geltrude Comensoli

Founder of the Institute of the Sacramentine Sisters of Bergamo

FIRST DAY

Saint Geltrude Comensoli, silent adorer of the Eucharistic Mystery!

Day and night, you were at the Divine Presence: your eyes turned to the Blessed Sacrament, your ears to the Word of God, your lips to celebrate the Sacrifice of Praise, your knees on the bare earth to let the Most High look upon you and bless you.

We want to be enveloped by the ardour that made you perceive the greatness of God in the humble sign of the Bread, that made you find in the Eucharist your "Paradise on earth". Grant that we may experience the joy of being at His presence. Let us feel its comfort and sweetness as we confidently surrender to His love.

We entrust to you all those who have consecrated themselves to the Lord and all those who are seeking Him. In daily prayer, may they allow themselves to be moulded by Him and experience the peace that only He can give.

AMEN! Glory be to the Father ...

SECOND DAY

Saint Geltrude Comensoli, bride in love with the Crucifix!

You chose to carry the Crucifix with Him, becoming His faithful image.

Stay with us when the cross becomes heavy and we are tempted to be discouraged. Intercede at that hour, that we may cling to the faith that is light and strength on the way to our Calvaries.

We entrust to you all those who are sick in body and spirit, listen to their sighs, wipe away their tears, give them unshakable trust in the Lord, to whom “nothing is impossible”.

AMEN! Glory be to the Father ...

THIRD DAY

Saint Geltrude Comensoli, virgin with a pure and transparent soul!

Since childhood, you were attracted to the Divine Beauty and became fascinated by it. You understood that only God can satiate one's existence and you chose to belong to Him by giving Him your body, heart and soul to Him.

Teach us to appreciate and practise the chastity of heart that generates noble thoughts, radiant eyes, and delicate manners.

We pray for the young women. Grant that in transparency of heart and purity of conduct they may discover the Lord and the goodness of following him on the path of love.

We pray to you for all women, especially for those women who are victims of violence and exploitation. May they not feel abandoned and find dignity in feeling loved by the Lord and by us, who are their brothers and sisters.

AMEN! Glory be to the Father ...

FOURTH DAY

Saint Geltrude Comensoli, obedient disciple to God's will!

You have always sought only what pleases the Lord. You have conformed yourself to His will, even at the cost of heroic renunciations.

Help us to understand that we are free and happy only when we embrace the divine plans and, without reservation, give our lives. Inspire us to walk in holy obedience, refusing nothing to the One who came to earth to do his Father's will.

We entrust to you all those who are trying to decide the future of their lives: accompany those who are preparing to form a family, those who are choosing the path of consecration to God, those who have embarked on the path of ministerial priesthood.

AMEN! Glory be to the Father ...

FIFTH DAY

Saint Geltrude Comensoli consecrated to the Heart of Jesus!

You have asked to share in the burning mercy of God that, springing from the pierced side of the Crucified One, descends upon sinful man.

Teach us to sincerely repent for our sins. Warmed by the love that the Lord continues to bestow upon us, may our hearts of stone be transformed into hearts of flesh: hearts capable of pitying men oppressed by the burdens and errors of life.

We entrust to you those who live in remorse for their sins, and those who, disappointed or disillusioned, have turned away from God. Through your intercession, may the Lord grant them and us the yearning for the peace that was lost through sin.

AMEN! Glory be to the Father ...

SIXTH DAY

Saint Geltrude Comensoli, humble servant of the poor! You totally entrusted yourself to divine providence. You chose to share the life of Christ poor, whom you assisted in the sisters and brothers in need.

Help us learn from you to consider Jesus as “the treasure” for whom everything else is sold. May our eyes see the miseries of the world, may our hands be opened to generosity, and may our lives be lived in essential sobriety.

We entrust to you those who are hungry, thirsty and cold. We entrust to you those who have lost their homeland, their homes; those who have no jobs. Grant that they may meet in us caring people who are di-sposed to acts of true solidarity.

AMEN! Glory be to the Father ...

SEVENTH DAY

Saint Geltrude Comensoli, woman with a maternal heart!

You led your fledgling family with loving steadfastness, always ready to provide for the needs of your sisters and the young women in your care.

Help us imitate your examples of caring, discreet attention and learn to build friendly and constructive interpersonal relationships.

We entrust to you the people who have authority in the Church and in civil society, so that, animated only by the desire to serve, they may take care especially of the weakest and be attentive to promoting the common good.

AMEN! Glory be to the Father ...

EIGHTH DAY

Saint Geltrude Comensoli, wise guide of youth!
In your family and in your parish you matured those human and Christian virtues that you passed on with faithfulness and wisdom.

Intercede for us, that we may obtain from Jesus, the only Teacher, the art of educating, the passion of teaching, the humble consciousness of always having to learn.

We entrust to you children and young people, especially those living in situations of hardship and suffering: grant them to find in their families and schools the help they need to grow and become the protagonists of a better world.

AMEN! Glory be to the Father ...

NINTH DAY

Saint Geltrude Comensoli, ardent apostle of the Eucharist!

You chose to live only for God and his glory, for the God who proposed himself to you as the All capable of completing your nothingness.

Help us be nourished by the Holy Eucharist, which shaped your existence and made you sing in word and deed, "Jesus, loving you and making others love you"!

Look, with benevolence, upon all the workers of the Gospel: priests, missionaries, catechists, educators, parents. In Jesus received and adored in the Blessed Sacrament may they find companionship in loneliness, consolation in painful situations, hope in disappointments.

AMEN! Glory be to the Father ...

O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
who among the favourites of your love
you chose Saint Geltrude Comensoli
and, in daily immolation of humility and charity,
for the glory of your kingdom of love,
you made her an apostle of the divine Eucharist,
a guide of youth, a comforter of the suffering:

Grant us, through her intercession,
the grace which, humbly and confidently,
we ask of you ...

For the sweetest Heart of Jesus,
For the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
our Mother,
for your Saints,
listen, o most lovable Trinity,
our prayer.

Amen.

