

Novena to Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

Day 1—For the spread of devotion to the Sacred Heart, both in the Gonzaga community and throughout the world. May people be led by the love of Jesus to the fullness of the Christian faith and the heights of heroic sanctity so that, through lives lived according to the truth and immersed in the love of God and neighbor, God may be all in all throughout creation.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, please intercede for Gonzaga University and all the Jesuits and their works so that the Society of Jesus might be ever faithful in obedience to the papal commission to promote devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus throughout the world. May all who are blessed by the ministries of the Jesuit order turn with fervor and confidence to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in all their joys and sorrows, all their trials and triumphs. May we receive the full benefit of the promises given by Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and, through the grace received from this devotion, become transparent to the presence and love of God, mediating the divine life and charity to all the world.

Day 2—For the deceased, that all those who ever had a connection to Gonzaga University in this life may be blessed with a swift passage through purgatory and a quick entry into eternal life. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. We ask that they may pray continually for us who still dwell in this vale of tears.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, we entrust to your patronage the souls of the faithful departed who had any connection to Gonzaga University. Speed their purgatory by your powerful intercession and bring them swiftly to perfect communion with God.

Day 3—For the Holy Father, that he may be blessed with every grace and blessing in order to carry out the great work that God has entrusted to him. May the Church grow and flourish under his leadership, and all the faithful swiftly reach high perfection in holiness. May the Church be ever strengthened by bonds of loving communion through his exercise of the Petrine ministry.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, please pray for the present Holy Father as you surely fasted and prayed for the popes under whom you lived during your earthly life. Intercede for him and for all who live under his paternal care, both Catholic and non-Catholic, that he may be the touchstone of truth and foundation of loving communion between all the members of the Body of Christ.

Day 4—For the Jesuits, especially those of the Oregon Province and all at Gonzaga University, that they may be ever more faithful to their vows and the great charisms of the Society of Jesus. We pray that they may grow in the virtues of their sainted predecessors, following in the footsteps of St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, and the earliest members of the company.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, pray for your brother Jesuits that they may do all for the greater glory of God, faithfully living the First Principle and Foundation as they fulfill their vows of poverty, chastity, obedience to their lawful superiors, and the fourth vow of obedience to the Holy Father.

Suffused by the Holy Spirit, may their minds and hearts be brought to an ever great communion with the wisdom and love of God.

Day 5—For the Diocese of Spokane, that it may prosper and flourish in holiness and fullness of grace, abiding in the love of God so as to mediate it to the city and the world. We pray for the bishop, priests, religious, seminarians, and laity of the diocese, that each may be blessed with a plenitude of graces and helped to live holy lives in fulfillment of their vocations.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, please pray for the diocese of Spokane and all who live within it, both Catholic and non-Catholic alike. May the diocese be blessed with an abundance of vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, and may all its members be strengthened by God's grace to swiftly grow in holiness by living according to the truth of the First Principle and Foundation, and by manifesting the love of God to all in need.

Day 6—For Gonzaga University, that it may ever more perfectly carry out the mission of a Catholic, Jesuit, humanistic university, dwelling in the heart of the Church. We pray that it may ever prosper and flourish in the life of the Holy Spirit, who will lead God's beloved into all truth.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, pray for this university under your patronage so that by the light of the Holy Spirit, God's will may be done for her and through her. Intercede for the youth entrusted to her care that they may, through prayerful study, life in their university community, and devotion to God, grow in wisdom, years, and favor with God and neighbor.

Day 7—For the faculty, staff, and administrators of Gonzaga University, that their work may be suffused with the love of God, of neighbor, and of the true, the good, and the beautiful. We pray that they may always grow in virtue and excellence, always maturing toward a more perfect performance of the duties of their state in life.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, pray for the faculty, staff, and administrators at Gonzaga University as they work in the service of truth and the university community. Obtain for them every grace and blessing necessary to maintain the highest standards of ethics and professionalism, animated always by divine wisdom and charity.

Day 8—For the students, that they may grow in holiness through their studies and community life at Gonzaga University. We pray that the student life at GU might be an embodiment of the culture of life achieving the new evangelization, a local incarnation of the civilization of love. Suffused by the Holy Spirit, may their minds and hearts be brought to an ever greater communion with the wisdom and love of God.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, pray for the students at Gonzaga University, that they might imitate your life of study, prayer, fasting, and works of mercy. Obtain for them every grace and blessing necessary for swift progress in their participation in the divine life of truth and charity, that they may truly be in the company of Jesus all the days of their lives and into eternity.

Day 9—For the alumni and benefactors of Gonzaga University, that the prayers of St. Aloysius be with them forever, aiding them along the road of life and love into the furthest reaches of truth, goodness, beauty, being, and love. We pray that all may share the same spirit of love of God and neighbor which animated St. Aloysius to prayer, fasting, and works of mercy for the least of these.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, pray for the alumni and benefactors of Gonzaga University that they may take what they have learned from this institution and live lives of love in the service of truth throughout the world, being salt of the earth and light to the nations. May they be instruments of God's grace and providential, loving care to the entire world, especially those most in need of divine mercy.