



Day Five: For Administrators

Our Lady of Good Help, you directed Sr. Adele Brise to gather the children and teach them what they should know for salvation. I pray today for all the administrators of Catholic Schools and religious education programs. Through your intercession, may their decisions be based on the example of mercy and love of your Son, Jesus. May they be encouraged in their ministry and confident of your help, through Christ our Lord.

Day Six: For Support Staff

Blessed Virgin Mary, through your intercession may those who, following the example of Adele Brise, minister tirelessly and humbly in our schools and religious education programs, work in loving collaboration with their colleagues and model the Gospel values taught to us by your Son, Christ our Lord.

Day Seven: For Volunteers and Benefactors

Dear Lady of Good Help, I come to you today with complete confidence in your intercessions. I bring to you all those who have given of their time, talent, and treasure to support the religious instruction and formation of our young people as disciples. Through your intercession, Mary, may the Lord bestow blessings upon these volunteers and benefactors and their families, through Christ our Lord.

Day Eight: For Vocations

Queen of Heaven, be with us, especially our young people, as we discern our life's work and guide us in the way we are called to follow in the footsteps of your Son. Intercede for us to the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers to the field and inspire vocations in our time. Open the hearts of your children that they may discern his holy will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.

Day Nine: For the New Evangelization

Dear Lady of Good Help, star of the new evangelization, help us to bear radiant witness in our schools, religious education programs and youth ministry to communion, service, ardent and generous faith, justice and love of the poor, that the joy of the Gospel may reach to the ends of the earth, illuminating even the fringes of our world. Mother of the living Gospel, wellspring of happiness for God's little ones, pray for us. Amen.

RESOURCES: Opening prayer written by Bishop David L. Ricken. Additional resources: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Act of Entrustment of the Faithful of WI to Mary, Mother of Mercy* (Rosary Evangelization Apostolate., 2016) and Pope Francis' Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary *Evangelii Gaudium*, 2013.

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In keeping with our Diocesan vision to lead all people to the Kingdom of God, we ask for the intercession of Our Lady of Good Help as we prepare for a new academic year. Please join us in praying a Novena to Our Lady of Good Help.

A Novena is a 9-day prayer, and this one has been assembled especially for our Catechetical Leaders, Catholic School Administrators and Youth Ministers. Please feel free to forward it to teachers, catechists, staff and volunteers, and let's invoke Our Lady's help in our ministry of forming disciples of her Son, Jesus.





Start every day of the Novena with this prayer:

O Dear Lady of Good Help, You revealed yourself as the Queen of Heaven to your servant Adele. You gave her a mission to pray for the conversion of sinners, to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to others and to prepare the children for the reception of the sacraments.

I trust that as you called Adele to holiness, you are calling me, in my station in life, to live a holy life, devoted to Jesus Christ with the help of your maternal love.

I bring before you now my worries and anxieties. I abandon my attachments to them and place them at your feet. I ask you to hear the deepest longings of my heart as I pray most earnestly for our schools, parish religious education programs and youth ministry.

Dear Lady, you told Adele and you say to all of us “Do not be afraid; I will help you.” Help me now as I place this intention with complete confidence and trust. Amen.

Our Lady of Good Help, pray for us.

(Insert the daily intention)

Conclude with the Memorare:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petition, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.



Our Daily Intentions for the New Academic Year:

Day One: For Catholic Schools and Religious Education Programs

Queen of Heaven, we come to you in confidence as we pray for our schools and religious education programs. Intercede for us as we gather the children, and with your help, may we draw many, many disciples to our classes and have an abundance of resources to accomplish your mission.

Day Two: For Students

Our Lady of Good Help, we humbly ask you to advocate for our students as they embark in deepening their knowledge and understanding. May they grow in faith and draw nearer to your son Jesus and may they recognize him in all people and act accordingly. Through the same Christ our Lord, we pray.

Day Three: For Families

Blessed Virgin Mary, we are living in a time of spiritual crisis and we need your help. Please intercede for our families, for the true meaning of marriage and for all human life. May our families grow stronger in their love and commitment to one another. Comfort us and help us to live in the joy of Jesus Christ, your son.

Day Four: For Teachers/Catechists/Youth Ministers

Queen of Heaven, you told Sr. Adele Brise “Go and fear nothing. I will help you.” With this confidence we ask that you join us in praying for all teachers, catechists and youth ministers, that they will strive to share with the young people whom they encounter what they themselves derive from pondering scripture and studying the Church’s teaching. Let them gladly join those they teach in honoring and serving the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

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