



## NOVENA FOR THE HEALING OF OUR CHURCH

*Pray this novena daily for nine days with an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.*

Loving God, turn your ear to the cries of your sons and daughters who seek healing for Your Church.

We are heartbroken. We are bruised. We are hurting.

In these days we again wrestle with understanding the heinous acts of abuse by those entrusted with shepherding Your flock.

Ease our troubled hearts. Mend our broken spirits.

Be “ever present in our distress.”

Merciful Lord, send Your Healing Spirit to our brothers and sisters who have endured pain and abuse physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Comfort their weary spirits. Soothe their pain. Grant them justice. May our eyes be opened to see Your image in these wounded members of Your Church.

Shepherd of Souls, make Your presence known to us that these wrongful acts will be addressed. Inspire our leaders of the Church to seek new and effective paths to keep safe the flock they shepherd.

Give us all courage to act and speak up on behalf of the most vulnerable. Rush the winds of the Spirit to scatter the darkness of sin. Pour forth Your healing Spirit to renew our trust and hope in You, who are our refuge and our strength.

We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS FOR EACH DAY:

Day 1: John 6:63-69

Day 4: Colossians 3:5-17

Day 7: Ephesians 5:15-20

Day 2: Ezekiel 34:1-11

Day 5: Micah 6:6-8

Day 8: 2 Cor. 12:7-10

Day 3: Galatians 6:1-10

Day 6: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Day 9: Psalms 130:1-8