

Queenship of Mary Novena

Diocese of Orange | August 13–21, 2026

As we prepare for “There’s More!” our diocesan gathering with the Lord and one another on August 22, the Feast of the Queenship of Mary, we entrust ourselves to Mary, our Mother and Queen. During these 9 days, we will reflect on our relationship with Mary from the Collection of the Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Through her intercession, we ask for a New Pentecost and for renewal through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, so that Christ may reign in us and the Gospel may be proclaimed throughout the world. We ask Mary to obtain for us the grace to listen to her words: “Do whatever He tells you” (Jn. 2:5), and to open our hearts to Christ, who desires to give us His life in abundance.

DAILY OPENING PRAYERS

Our Father: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary: Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

DAILY CLOSING PRAYER

Hail, Holy Queen: Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

DAY 1 | AUGUST 13

Holy Mary, Disciple of the Lord [10]

Reflect: Mary’s “yes” at the Annunciation made her the first disciple and a model for all who follow Christ. She accepted God’s call and embraced her role in His plan of salvation. From the Annunciation to the Resurrection, her mission flowed from her communion with the Holy Trinity. Our mission must likewise be rooted in God’s grace and sustained by daily prayer.

Pray: Mary, your total response of love teaches us true discipleship. Form us to say “yes” to God each day. Your quiet presence in the Gospels reminds us that the heart of discipleship is to walk with and follow Jesus. Grant us the grace of faithful prayer, leading us into a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Action: Commit to 10–15 minutes of daily prayer before the Blessed Sacrament or in a quiet place where you can share your heart with Jesus and listen to Him.

DAY 2 | AUGUST 14

The Blessed Mother, Pillar of Faith [35]

Reflect: Mary lived in God’s presence, entrusting her life into His hands. She followed Jesus in joy and suffering, even to the Cross, trusting in God’s faithfulness. Her steadfast faith teaches us how to accompany others on their journey of holiness.

Pray: Mary, Pillar of Faith, help us to trust God’s plan for our lives. Teach us to surrender our fears and our need to control outcomes so Christ may live more deeply in us. Through the example of St. Maximilian Kolbe’s devotion to you, help us to follow Jesus each day and remain faithful to whatever He asks.

Action: Reach out to someone who may feel alone and pray with them.

DAY 3 | AUGUST 15

Our Lady of the Assumption

Reflect: At the end of her earthly life, Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven. The Archangel Gabriel declared Mary “full of grace” and she became the one who brought Christ into the world. Her Assumption reveals the dignity of her vocation and the destiny that God desires for all who belong to Him.

Pray: Mary, your life of intimacy with God is filled with beauty and reverence. Your ardent love inspires us to draw near to God and the things of heaven. May we grow in faith, hope, and love as you did, so that we may share in the joy of heaven with you and your Son.

Action: Ask God to show you where other priorities come before Him in your life, and ask Our Lady to help you put Him first.

DAY 4 | AUGUST 16

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of our Diocese

Reflect: Our Lady of Guadalupe brought Jesus to others by meeting them where they were. Today, many people have not experienced a real relationship with Christ. As missionary disciples, we are called to share Christ through our love and presence. (cont.)

Pray: Our Lady of Guadalupe, guide us to your Son, Jesus. Form our hearts with your tenderness so we may bring Christ to others. Ask Jesus to set our hearts ablaze with love for His mission.

Action: Invite someone to attend Sunday Mass with you this Sunday or next.

DAY 5 | AUGUST 17

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace [45]

Reflect: Mary shows us that true peace comes from relying on God in all things. Through her unique role in God's plan of salvation, she cooperated fully with His grace, helping to restore our relationship with Him that had been disrupted by sin. As our Mother, she desires her children to live in peace with God, with themselves, and with others.

Pray: Mary, Queen of Peace, we look to your intercession and love as a source of peace and consolation. Your Son Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, leads us on the way to the Heavenly Father. Help us live under the Father's gaze, where His perfect love heals our divisions.

Action: Take a step toward reconciliation in a relationship by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, offering forgiveness, apologizing, or seeking peace.

DAY 6 | AUGUST 18

Mary, Image and Mother of the Church I [25]

Reflect: At the Cross, Jesus gave us Mary as our Mother. At Pentecost, she prayed with the apostles and modeled receptivity to the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the Church. She continues to guide us as we invite others into the Body of Christ, so all may find their true home in Him.

Pray: Mary, Mother of the Church, help us to love the Church as you do. Ask Jesus to heal any divisions in our Diocese so that we may welcome others into the Body of Christ. Guide us as we prepare to gather as the family of God at the Honda Center under your loving protection and help us to bear abundant fruit in Christ.

Action: Pray for the Church and discern how you are called to serve in your parish.

DAY 7 | AUGUST 19

Mary, Mother and Teacher in the Spirit [32]

Reflect: Mary welcomed the Holy Spirit and allowed His grace to shape her entire life. As Mother and Teacher in the Spirit, she teaches us to receive God's Word with faith and to discern His will. When we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us, Christ's light shines through us so that others may come to know Him.

Pray: Mary, our Mother and Teacher, guide us along our way and help us to receive the Gospel more deeply in our lives. Teach us to respond to God's call to share the Good News so that others may come to know Him through us. Give us courage to speak of Christ with humility and joy.

Action: Share with someone how you've experienced God's love.

DAY 8 | AUGUST 20

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Help of Christians [42]

Reflect: Throughout Scripture, Mary was present to the needs of the Church and prepared Christ's disciples for mission. At the wedding feast in Cana, she interceded for the couple's needs; at the foot of the Cross, she remained faithful as our Mother; at Pentecost, she prayed with the apostles as they awaited the Holy Spirit. Throughout her life, Mary showed us how to trust in Jesus.

Pray: Mary, Help of Christians, intercede for us and teach us how to pray for one another. Help us recognize others' needs and respond with hearts formed by your love. Through the intercession of St. Bernard, help us trust in your loving maternal care and follow your Son with confidence.

Action: Ask Our Lady to intercede for those who do not know Jesus or the Church.

DAY 9 | AUGUST 21

Our Lady of the Cenacle [17]

Reflect: After the Ascension, Mary gathered with the apostles in the Cenacle, the Upper Room where they prayed to receive the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. Through her presence, she strengthened their faith and encouraged them to wait for God to reveal His plan for the early Church. With Mary, we learn that prayer prepares our hearts to share Christ with the world.

Pray: Our Lady of the Cenacle, gather us together with hearts united in Christ. May the Holy Spirit renew our hearts and make us faithful disciples in service of His Kingdom. Through the intercession of St. Pius X, help us to trust that God is guiding us.

Action: Offer your time, assistance, or generosity to someone today.



MEMORIAL | AUGUST 22

Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Reflect: Mary reigns as Queen through her faithful "yes" to God and through her motherly intercession. She shows that true authority comes from a heart fully given to God. When we surrender to Him, Christ can live and act within us.

Pray: Mary, our Mother and Queen, help us to surrender our hearts to Jesus. Give us humble hearts that seek to serve, not impose our will on others.

Action: Join your intentions with Mary's and pray for renewal in our Diocese through the Holy Spirit.