



# VOCATION

*Norena*

*to blessed Antonio Rosmini*

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# **Novena to Blessed Antonio Rosmini 2026**

**22<sup>nd</sup>–30<sup>th</sup> June**

## **Introduction**

The vocation of Blessed Antonio Rosmini is the theme of contemplation for the 2026 Novena. We are, in fact, in the second year of preparation for the Bicentenary of the Foundation of the Institute of Charity.

We celebrate the Novena in order to prepare ourselves for the feast of Blessed Antonio Rosmini on July 1<sup>st</sup>, and to begin, through his intercession, the Rosminian month of prayer for vocations.

In the vocation of the Father Founder, we all recognise something of our own vocation, while at the same time learning to grow in our personal response to the call of the Lord.

## **How to pray the Novena**

The texts proposed may be used in various ways, during Holy Mass or during the Liturgy of the Hours, at Lauds or Vespers.



Where a particular Liturgy of the Word or moment of prayer is organised, we suggest the following possible structure:

- a) Begin with the Sign of the Cross and the prayer for each day;
- b) Introduction to the prayer intention of the day;
- c) Listening to the Word of God and the word of Blessed Rosmini, with a brief reflection or a moment of silence for personal reflection;
- d) Spontaneous prayers of intercession, or a decade of the Hail Mary, or the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be;
- e) Conclusion with the Prayer for Vocations.

Hymns may also be sung, for example the Jubilee hymn at the beginning and a hymn to Blessed Antonio Rosmini at the end.



## **Prayer for Each Day of the Novena**

Come, Holy Spirit, giver of every gift, and enlighten our lives with your light; renew the face of the earth in your peace.

Blessed Father Antonio Rosmini, accompany us during these days as we contemplate the beauty of vocation, the infinite gift of the love of Jesus.

Your baptismal journey towards holiness began on the day of Mary's Annunciation by the Angel. We ask you to present us to Mary, so that we may respond, as she did and as you did, to the grace of vocation.

Virgin of the Annunciation, inspire our response to the annunciations of Providence in our lives, and grant that we may always savour the beauty of the vocation to holiness.

Holy Mary of the Annunciation, pray for us!

## **Prayer for Vocations**

Jesus-Love,  
you said to us: "Remain in my love,"  
and from that moment we have remained with you.

In your Grace, grant that we may follow  
the Providence of the Father,  
desiring, as you do and with you,  
to discern and fully accomplish that will  
which is the boundless horizon of your love.



Grant that we may be witnesses to you  
in our response to our vocation,  
and send us workers for your Kingdom:  
a kingdom of peace and justice,  
a kingdom of joy in the Holy Spirit,  
a kingdom of compassion, forgiveness and fraternity.

Send us the brothers and sisters whom you have chosen  
to be missionaries for you everywhere,  
serving you in our neighbour  
as consecrated men and women,  
recognising you in the poor as priests,  
and living out your Charity as faithful lay people.

Shape us into obedient sons and daughters  
within the Church.  
Following the example of Blessed Antonio Rosmini's life,  
may we understand that true wisdom  
is found in God alone,

Let us remain beneath the cross  
where we were born, with Mary, in your love.

Amen.



## **First Day**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

### **Vocation to Life**

*We contemplate the first and fundamental call of God, given through his father Pier Modesto and his mother Giovanna: the vocation to life. Blessed Antonio Rosmini, like a good Christian, always lived in gratitude to God and to his loved ones for the gift of existence and for having opened his eyes to the beautiful light of this world. In every action and thought, he showed us the purpose of preserving, improving, developing and bringing to perfection the value of values: life.*

#### **Prayer for each day (pg. 3)**

#### **Prayer Intention**

Let us pray that our fundamental choice and the choices of our hearts may always be directed towards life and the welcoming of the other. Let us pray that, in difficulties, we may seek solutions that recognise life as the supreme value and the greatest gift that we have all received from God. Let us pray that each one of us may live daily in gratitude and joy for being in this world and for having been called by God to life.

#### **Word of God: Baruch 3:34–38**

The stars shone in their watches, and were glad; he called them, and they said, “Here we are!” They shone with



gladness for him who made them. This is our God; no other can be compared to him. He found the whole way to knowledge, and gave her to his servant Jacob and to Israel, whom he loved. Afterward she appeared on earth and lived with humankind.

**Word of Blessed Antonio Rosmini: Letter, Stresa, 8<sup>th</sup> October 1839**

For the rest, my dear friend, let us hope for great things from the Lord, and let us desire to do great things for him; that is, everything that he wills, neither more nor less, for this alone is great, and all the rest is small, indeed it is nothing. And one day we shall be able to say to our Lord, glorying in him: you were the guide of the journey.

**Prayer for Vocations (pg. 3)**



## **Second Day**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

### **Vocation to Holiness**

We contemplate how, for Blessed Antonio Rosmini, the call to life coincides with the call to holiness in Baptism, which he received the day after his birth. He considered this call to be the beginning of eternity, an immeasurable gift, and the response to this vocation to be the daily path towards true happiness.

#### **Prayer for each day (pg. 3)**

#### **Prayer Intention**

Let us pray for each one of us and for our journey of holiness: that we may experience in forgiveness the ever-new beginning of the spiritual life; that we may be docile to the word and voice of the Lord; that we may recognise Jesus in our brothers and sisters as we do in the Eucharistic bread; and that daily prayer may help our hearts to grow in humanity.

#### **Word of God: Ephesians 1:3–6**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the



good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

### **Word of Blessed Antonio Rosmini: Personal Diary, 24<sup>th</sup> March 1797**

By granting me the grace to come to the light of this world on the vigil of the Feast of the Annunciation, God himself showed that he wished to give Mary to me as mother and protectress. Indeed, I have always experienced her as such, although I have always been such an ungrateful client and son. May I begin to respond with love to my dearest Mother, and to love her as I resolve to do for eternity. Moreover, the goodness of God, who “loved me first,” benefited me by arranging that on that same day, 25 March, the feast of the Virgin Mary announced by the Angel, I should be reborn in the saving waters of Holy Baptism, given to me in the parish church of St Mark in Rovereto.

### **Prayer for Vocations (pg. 3)**



## **Third Day**

### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist**

#### **Vocation to the Will of God**

We contemplate the experience of God made by the young Antonio Rosmini, when he discovered that there was no wisdom except in God. In the vocation to the priesthood, the desire to please God is the fundamental call: the vocation to the will of God. To this call, Antonio would respond throughout his life with generosity, committing himself to discerning and doing the will of God, recognising and following his Providence.

#### **Prayer for each day (pg. 3)**

#### **Prayer Intention**

Let us pray that we may always see clearly among our priorities, and that we may always seek and personally prefer, as families and as communities, the will of God and what pleases him. May the Word of God enlighten our path, and may the gift of the Holy Spirit strengthen us in always seeking his Kingdom and his justice, so that we may be instruments of his peace.

#### **Word of God: Matthew 21:28–32**

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He



answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

### **Word of Blessed Antonio Rosmini: Letter, Stresa, 16<sup>th</sup> August 1842**

I do not cease to raise to our Father that same prayer which you raise to him: "Give what you command, and command what you will." O most sweet will of our Lord, in whose fulfilment alone lies all our blessedness! It is so lofty, of such wisdom and goodness, so far beyond our seeing and feeling, that we can neither reach it by sharpness of intellect nor fulfil it by strength of will. Therefore nothing remains for us but to pray with our faces to the ground, that it may reveal itself to us with its light, enliven us with its life, and accomplish itself in us by its own power poured into us. Holiness, the desire for holiness, everything will follow from this: the designs of God will be fulfilled. The law of God has a hidden power; in its greatest simplicity it is infinitely fruitful. Providence is entirely turned to the service of those who, in the law of God, "want everything," and who place all their hope in it, not in their own plans. The Church has nothing else to



hope for except holiness, to which everything is ordered. Man's part consists in striving to amend himself and to obtain justice and holiness. After this, God does the rest: he chooses those whom he deigns to employ for the good of his Church, he sends them, directs them and assists them.

### Prayer for Vocations (pg. 3)



## **Fourth Day**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

### **Vocation to Culture**

We contemplate the vocation to culture, when the Lord called Blessed Antonio Rosmini through Pope Pius VIII to commit himself to writing books that would lead people to faith through reason. Antonio Rosmini responded to this call, which would guide the direction of his studies and his work throughout his life.

#### **Prayer for each day (pg. 3)**

#### **Prayer Intention**

Let us pray that everyone in the Rosminian family, and all those who live Rosminian spirituality or study the thought of Blessed Antonio Rosmini, may recognise and follow the vocation to the evangelisation of culture. This vocation has been shown to us by the Church through the example of Blessed Antonio Rosmini, through St John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, Pope Francis and Pope Leo. May the vocation to culture make us more human and promoters of peace in justice, for fraternity among all peoples.

#### **Word of God: Luke 13:6–9**

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three



years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

**Word of Blessed Antonio Rosmini: Letter, Trent, 14<sup>th</sup> April 1832**

I believe that a sound philosophy must greatly help this cause in our times. To many it seems to be taking the matter from too far away to wish to help people by this means, and they prefer more immediate and practical methods. These are excellent, but this does not remove the greater need to heal minds by instilling right ideas into them. We must go to meet people from far away, because they have gone far away.

**Prayer for Vocations (pg. 3)**



## **Fifth Day**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

### **Vocation to the Salvation of Our Brothers and Sisters**

We contemplate in the life of Blessed Antonio Rosmini the choice of fraternity: the desire to unite together all people who seek the good, for a common purpose — the salvation and perfection in love of their own souls. The response to this vocation of helping one another on the journey of holiness is the birth of the Institute of Charity at the Sacred Mount Calvary of Domodossola.

### **Prayer for each day (pg. 3)**

### **Prayer Intention**

Let us pray to the goodness of God the Father, that he may grant us to recognise that at the beginning of our baptismal vocation there is fraternity, and that to seek our own salvation means to spend ourselves for the salvation of our brothers and sisters. This is what it means to live communion in community.

### **Word of God: 1 John 4:19–21**

We love because he first loved us. Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.



## **Word of Blessed Antonio Rosmini” Discourse on Charity, 25<sup>th</sup> March 1839**

Brothers, to the charity of God we owe all our gratitude! Although he had no need of us, he loved us first. We must therefore overflow with holy joy, because there is no happier moment than that in which man, having come from God, flows back into God, and in which the creature, moved by his Creator, consecrates himself to him. We are not acting on our own initiative; rather, God is moving us to take this step. The courage and joy we have come from this certainty. That it is God who moves us is clearly shown by the end we set before ourselves: to obtain justice, or holiness. Only God can place this desire in our hearts, because only in him is justice perfect, and from him it reaches all creatures. The spirit of evil cannot give us the desire for the good; nor do flesh and blood lead man to holiness. The world places its greatness in things completely different from justice; it disdains innocence, considering it insignificant, and mocks the simplicity of the just person. But God, who in his eternal wisdom has placed us in the stability of the firmament, has also willed that his Kingdom here on earth, his city, should rest on the firm foundation of justice. He himself says this in Isaiah, who wrote of the mystical Jerusalem: “You shall be founded on justice.”

### **Prayer for Vocations (pg. 3)**



## **Sixth Day**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

### **Vocation to Mission**

We contemplate Blessed Antonio Rosmini, who welcomed every invitation of the Church to go on mission with his brothers as a new annunciation from the Lord: the English mission for conversion, the mission in Ireland to assist those oppressed by famine, the mission of teaching in schools and seminaries, and the mission of preaching the Gospel for conversion.

#### **Prayer for each day (pg. 3)**

#### **Prayer Intention**

Grant us, Lord, to live with readiness the vocation to charity. Break down our resistance and make us suitable instruments of your will, so that we may live material, intellectual and spiritual charity as missionary disciples, according to our state of life and in obedience to the pastors of the Church.

#### **Word of God: Luke 10:1–9**

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like



lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

**Word of Blessed Antonio Rosmini: Letter, Stresa, 14<sup>th</sup> February 1840**

The object of the Institute of Charity is the exercise of perfect virtue, insofar as this is possible for man with divine grace. By perfect virtue is meant that which Jesus Christ taught us by word and example. This object is also special to the Institute, because every other reflection or aim ends in it and everything is subordinated to it, so that the general and common end is precisely also the special end of the Institute. The perfect virtue taught to us by the divine Master is universal charity, especially that charity which tends towards the salvation of souls. Therefore the Institute proposes to practise universal charity as much as it can, and embraces missions and every other exercise of the sacred ministry as means of attaining its end.

**Prayer for Vocations (pg. 3)**



## **Seventh Day**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

### **Vocation to the Common Good**

We contemplate the readiness with which Blessed Antonio Rosmini accepted the call to carry out a political mission in Rome, before Pope Pius IX, as ambassador of King Charles Albert and of the Piedmontese government. Blessed Antonio Rosmini recognised the vocation to the common good, with a view to progress in stability and the growth of an entire people in unity, prosperity and peace.

#### **Prayer for each day (pg. 3)**

#### **Prayer Intention**

Let us pray that in our work for our neighbour, in our works of charity and in our apostolic groups, we may always keep the common good in view as the true good: above personal or partisan interests, and beyond ideological, political or national preferences.

#### **Word of God: 1 Corinthians 3:9–11**

For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.



## **Word of Blessed Antonio Rosmini: Constitutions, no. 549**

Love is the act by which the will is borne into good; it is pure and perfect when it is borne into good alone, for only then does a person love good alone, and moreover love it because it is good. Hence, such a will loves good wherever it is, loves the greater good more, and in all things seeks the greatest good. Therefore, one who does not love God, who is the greatest good, does not love at all; for if he truly loved, he would indeed love God. Holy scripture does in fact speak simply about love as true charity, where it says: "He who does not love remains in death' (1 Jn 3:14); and: "Her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much' (Lk 7:47). It does not say: "He who does not love his brother' but only: "He who does not love,' nor: "For she loved me' but: "For she loved.' The person who truly has love in his soul, wills every good, because he wills only good; and so he wills both the good which is in God, who is good without qualification, and the good which, qualified and participated, can be in a human being. This is what it means to love God and human beings.

### **Prayer for Vocations (pg. 3)**



## **Eighth Day**

### **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June: Solemnity of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul**

#### **Life as Vocation**

We contemplate in Blessed Antonio Rosmini a Christian who lived life as vocation, and who was able to hear the Lord's call on various occasions. He knew how to see, in the circumstances of life and in the signs of the times, the Providence of God at work and his invitation to collaborate. Life itself became vocation: friendship, fraternity, work, writing, prayer, and unity among good people.

#### **Prayer for each day (pg. 3)**

#### **Prayer Intention**

Let us pray that we may live life as vocation and receive meaning from our relationship of friendship with God, who has called us. May we, in every activity and at every stage of life, live the joy of the Lord, and may the gifts of the Holy Spirit bear fruit in us. May we be light for those we meet on our path, and an inspiration in the desire for holiness.

#### **Word of God: Matthew 20:1–7**

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual



daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

**Word of Blessed Antonio Rosmini: Constitutions, no. 1055**

All the love of our Lord JESUS Christ towards humankind is directed to the Church, the triumph of his power, for the sake of bringing together those who do the will of the Father, and to no other Society or person, whatever title they may possess, even that of motherhood itself. Of his mother he said: "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and do it" (Lk 9. 11. 28), and "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and keep it" (Lk 8. 21. Nor did the title and dignity of apostle merit it. He said: "To sit on my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father" (Mt 20. 23) (In his mother herself, and in his apostles, he loved always the will of God which he acknowledged and completed). The members of this Society also, who out of their love of God love human beings in Christ JESUS, must direct this love towards the Bride of Christ, not towards any other Society or



individual, and simply under the title of the good pleasure of God the Father and of his Christ, in whose hand, as the prophet says, "the will of the Lord shall prosper" (Is 53. 10).

### Prayer for Vocations (pg. 3)



## **Ninth Day**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

### **Vocation to Eternity**

We contemplate in Blessed Antonio Rosmini a Christian abandoned into the arms of divine Providence, especially in moments of difficulty, suffering, persecution and the final call to eternal life. He was an obedient prophet who, to the very end, bore witness to his heartfelt response to the vocation of corresponding to the love of God, even with those final words: **to adore, to be silent, to rejoice.**

#### **Prayer for each day (pg. 3)**

#### **Prayer Intention**

Let us pray for one another, that communion with God may make us grow in communion among ourselves, and that, by bearing witness in the Church, we may become a leaven of Christian life and of growth in peace and in the civilisation of love.

#### **Word of God: John 17:1–6, 11, 15–19**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing



the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

**Word of Blessed Antonio Rosmini: Letter, Stresa, 10<sup>th</sup> June 1850**

I am convinced that man (and still more society) cannot gather, even in this life, all the good that Providence has prepared for him, unless, as towards a fixed end, he directs all his activity towards his eternal destiny. I find no other point of support so firm that it never gives way, where one may place the lever to move man, in any circumstance, towards virtue, except that which is beyond this earth: an eternal good. This is a sentiment at the heart of Christianity, expressed in those words of the Saviour: “Seek first the Kingdom of God and his justice, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

**Prayer for Vocations (pg. 3)**





*Since it is fully known and certain to us that the beloved son, the priest Antonio Rosmini, founder of this Institute, is a man endowed with elevated and eminent intellect, adorned with outstanding qualities of soul, most illustrious in the knowledge of divine and human things, renowned for his exceptional piety, religion, virtue, uprightness, prudence and integrity, and shining with marvellous love and attachment to the Catholic religion and to this Apostolic See; and since, in founding this Institute of Charity, he had chiefly in view that the Charity of Jesus Christ, spreading ever more widely in the hearts of all, might gently transform them, that the Catholic Church might gather ever more abundant fruits, and that peoples might be animated by stronger desires for the love of God and for charity among themselves; therefore we have judged it good...*

Gregory XVI Apostolic Letters In sublimi, approving the Institute of Charity 20th September 1839