

# ***NOVENA TO ST. JOHN BOSCO***

## ***DAY ONE - SIGNS AND BEARERS OF GOD'S LOVE***

***LORD, MAY WE BE SO AWARE OF OUR OWN BROKENNESS THAT  
IT MAY GIVE US THE COMPASSION TO CARE FOR OTHERS, AS  
DON BOSCO DID. MAY WE BE DRIVEN BY THE CALL FOR JUSTICE  
THROUGH THIS INNER SPIRIT TO MAKE SACRIFICES FOR YOUNG  
PEOPLE AT RISK. MAY WE BE CALLED BY COMPASSION TO LIVE  
A HEALING GENTLENESS AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE, OUR FAMILY  
AND OUR FRIENDS. LET THE SPIRIT OF JUSTICE AND  
COMPASSION MOVE US SO THAT, IN OUR LIVES, WE MAY  
BECOME SIGNS AND BEARERS OF YOUR LOVE.***

***HAIL, MARY, FULL OF GRACE,  
THE LORD IS WITH THEE.***

***BLESSED ART THOU AMONGST 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***

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## ***DAY TWO - THE CALL TO BELONG***

***DON BOSCO CALLS US INTO A WIDER COMMUNITY AND INTO A NETWORK OF CARE FOR OTHERS. EVERYONE WE MEET IS BOTH OUR PUPIL AND OUR TEACHER, WHATEVER THEIR AGE OR STATUS. OURS IS A VOCATION TO INTERDEPENDENCE; TO GIVING AND RECEIVING IN A WAY THAT CHALLENGES THE INDIVIDUALISM OF MANY CULTURES. LORD, MAY WE NEVER LOSE TOUCH WITH THE SMALL VOICE OF YOUR SPIRIT, AND BE AWARE OF OUR NEED OF OTHERS.***

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## ***DAY THREE - HOSPITALITY***

***FOR DON BOSCO, EVERY SALESIAN HOUSE WAS A PLACE OF HOSPITALITY AND WELCOME. LORD, HELP US TO MAKE EVERY ENCOUNTER A SACRED SPACE WHERE PEOPLE CAN FEEL SAFE, RELAX, AND BE PRESENT JUST AS THEY ARE. LORD, YOU SAID: WHENEVER YOU WELCOME ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES, YOU WELCOME ME. SO, WE PRAY, THAT HOSPITALITY MAY FOR US BECOME AN ACT OF FAITH IN THE UNIQUE SPIRIT AT THE HEART OF EACH INDIVIDUAL.***

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## ***DAY FOUR - AWAKING THE FAMILY LIKENESS***

***DON BOSCO EMPHASISED THE FAMILY SPIRIT IN HIS COMMUNITIES. LORD, YOU REMIND US IN THE SCRIPTURES THAT EVERYONE MOVED BY THE SPIRIT IS A SON OR A DAUGHTER OF GOD. SO, IT'S AS IF WE ARE RECOGNISING A FAMILY LIKENESS IN OTHERS, A LIKENESS THAT MAKES EACH PERSON A SACRAMENT: AN OUTWARD SIGN OF YOUR INNER PRESENCE. LORD, HELP US TO RECOGNISE THAT EVERY GATHERING OF TWO OR THREE PEOPLE IS POTENTIALLY A FAMILY REUNION WHEN VIEWED THROUGH THE EYES OF LOVE.***

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## ***DAY FIVE - THE EUCHARIST***

***LORD, AS WE EAT AND DRINK AT HOLY COMMUNION, YOUR  
BODY AND BLOOD BECOME ONE WITH US. YOU GIVE OF  
YOURSELF THAT WE MAY BECOME, LIKE DON BOSCO, FOOD FOR  
OTHERS. THE INTIMACY OF YOUR RISEN PRESENCE MOVING IN  
OUR LIVES GOES BEYOND OUR UNDERSTANDING. HELP US TO  
TRY TO LIVE THIS MYSTERY OF INTIMACY WITH YOU, OUR RISEN  
LORD, AND ALLOW IT TO SHAPE OUR LIVES AND DEEPEN OUR  
FRIENDSHIPS.***

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## ***DAY SIX - LITTLE ONES***

***LORD, HELP US TO IMITATE DON BOSCO IN MAKING THE FIRST  
MOVE IN RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF THE VULNERABLE.  
TEACH US TO LOOK BENEATH THE BRASH BRAVADO OR THE  
SHRINKING SHYNESS OF OTHERS TO SEE YOUR FACE. HELP US  
TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONVERSATION, TO ENGAGE IN  
THE WORLD OF THE POOR AND ABANDONED AND ALLOW THEM  
TO TEST THE STRENGTH OF OUR CARE.***

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## ***DAY SEVEN - SELF-SACRIFICE***

***DON BOSCO OFTEN SAID TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF TURIN: FOR YOU I STUDY, FOR YOU I WORK, FOR YOU I LIVE, FOR YOU I AM READY EVEN TO GIVE MY LIFE. LORD, HELP US TO GO THE EXTRA MILE IN THE CARE AND SAFEGUARDING OF OTHERS, TO WITNESS TO THE SACREDNESS OF ALL HUMAN LIFE. HELP US TO ESCAPE FROM SELF-CENTERED THINKING AND MOVE TO THE SELF-SACRIFICE THAT WILL GIVE OUR LIVES MEANING AND DIRECTION.***

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## ***DAY EIGHT - MARY, MOTHER OF GOD***

***DON BOSCO DEDICATED HIS EVERY PROJECT AND PLAN TO MARY,  
HELP OF CHRISTIANS. LORD, MAY THE SILENT PRESENCE OF YOUR  
MOTHER BLESS AND GUIDE US ON OUR JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE.  
AT THE VISITATION MARY MADE THE FIRST MOVE TO REACH OUT  
TO HER COUSIN AND IN THAT GENEROUS ACT THE PRESENCE OF  
GOD WITHIN HER WAS AWAKENED AND RECOGNISED. IN THE  
SAME WAY WE ARE CALLED TO MAKE THE FIRST MOVE IN  
WELCOMING OTHERS. MAY WE BE READY TO RECOGNISE THE  
MOVEMENT OF THE SPIRIT WITHIN OTHER PEOPLE***

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## ***DAY NINE - COMPASSION***

***THE EMPTINESS OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S LIVES IN DON BOSCO'S  
TIME RESONATED WITH THE TROUBLES OF HIS OWN CHILDHOOD.  
COMPASSION OPENS OUR EYES TO THE NEED FOR LOVING  
KINDNESS IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS. PAIN, SADNESS AND  
VIOLENCE REVEAL AN EMPTINESS IN LIFE THAT WILL OFTEN  
FIND AN ECHO IN OUR OWN LIVES. LORD, HELP US NOT BE  
AFRAID TO EXPRESS OUR COMPASSION FOR THOSE WHO  
STRUGGLE.***

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