

Novena to Saints Peter & Paul

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Church tradition has always celebrated St. Peter and St. Paul on the same day. In a sermon in 395 AD, St. Augustine of Hippo stated:

“Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles’ blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith.”

These two men are phenomenal examples of sinful men who changed their lives for Christ. Even when following Christ, Peter showed fear and doubt, but he would always remain Christ’s rock. And Paul’s conversion story and subsequent teachings show the true power of God. These men were not without flaws, but their faith and their love of Christ serve as the perfect example for how we should live our lives today.

About Saints Peter and Paul

St. Peter was one of Jesus’ chosen 12 disciples. Brother to St. Andrew, Peter became the leader of the Apostles and the Catholic Church’s first pope. A fisherman by trade, Peter was called by Christ to be a “fisher of men.” Peter spent three years in the company of Christ, ministering to people, learning, and witnessing His miracles. After Christ died, Peter spent the rest of his life teaching about Him. Any fear he felt when he denied Christ was wiped away after Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit breathed on the Apostles, giving them the courage they needed to go out into the world and teach. In 64 AD, Peter was arrested and crucified upside-down. He requested this position because he did not feel himself worthy of the same kind of crucifixion as Christ.

St. Paul was born a Jewish pharisee named Saul. He feared the teachings of Christ so much that he relentlessly persecuted Christians. One day, on his way to Damascus, a blinding light knocked Saul off his horse and blinded him. A voice cried out, “Saul, why are you persecuting me?” When Saul asked who he was, the voice responded: “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.” Saul converted and changed his name to Paul. He spent the rest of his life traveling, teaching the good news of Christ, establishing churches, and writing letters explaining the faith. In AD 67, he was arrested and beheaded for refusing to deny Christ.

Saints Peter and Paul Feast Day: June 29

Why Pray the Saints Peter and Paul Novena?

St. Peter is the patron of fishermen, net makers, and ship builders, while St. Paul is the patron of authors, the press, publishers, and writers. You can pray through their intercession for anything, but especially for guidance in following Christ’s teachings, for help in leading someone to the faith, or for courage when faced with opposition.

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Novena to Saints Peter and Paul - Day 1 Tomorrow's Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Dear St. Peter and St. Paul, you faced opposition, hatred, and violence—all because you believed in Christ.

Pray for us!

St. Peter, you witnessed our Savior brutally crucified, and then later you suffered a similar death. We know this must have been terrifying. Today, we see many attacks on our faith. Please pray for us to not turn away from Christ. Pray that we will have greater faith and greater courage to defend our Faith.

Lord, please guide us and show us how to remain close to you and how to lead others closer to you.

Saints Peter and Paul, please pray for us and help us obtain the strength to stand up for what is right and good.

St. Peter and St. Paul, please pray for my intentions [see top of page].

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Amen.

Novena to Saints Peter and Paul - Day 2

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Amen.

St. Peter, Christ loved you so much that He gave you a name that meant “rock.” He gave you the keys to His kingdom, and you became our first pope. Thank you for being the “rock” of Christ’s Church.

Please pray for us to strengthen the foundation of faith in our families.

Lord, please guide us so that we can guide those who are dear to us, always closer to you.

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Novena to Saints Peter and Paul - Day 3

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Amen.

St. Paul, with every person you persecuted, you were also persecuting Christ. We know that this hurt our Lord immensely.

We also know that there are things in our lives that we do that hurt Him. Help us to reflect on these things, and to repent. Please pray that we can make the necessary changes in our lives so that we, like you, can live in unity with Christ and do His work every day.

St. Peter and St. Paul, pray that we have the strength to amend our lives and to follow God's will.

Lord, please forgive us and guide us.

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Amen

St. Peter and St. Paul, please pray for us to grow in faith every day so that we can spend eternity with you and God in heaven.

Please pray in a special way for all of our priests and for our Holy Father, that they may remain close to the Lord.

Pray for all those discerning religious life, and for those in parish and ministry work -- that God will guide them and be their strength.

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Lord, help us to overcome our doubts, fears and weaknesses. When it feels like everything is working against us, help us to feel your presence and peace.

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Amen.

Novena to Saints Peter and Paul - Day 5

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Amen.

St. Paul, after your conversion, you traveled tirelessly preaching the gospel of Christ. You are the greatest evangelist who has ever lived, and you converted countless people to the faith. Help me to be more like you.

Pray that I use the talents I have to teach others about Christ and to help others see His light through me.

Lord, give me the strength and the courage to use these talents you've given me to lead people closer to you.

St. Peter and St. Paul, pray that I will overcome any obstacles or fears while sharing Christ with others.

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Novena to Saints Peter and Paul - Day 6

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St. Peter, you were blessed to be able to walk and talk with Christ. The bond you had was so unique and special. We yearn for that closeness with Christ.

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St. Peter and St. Paul, pray for us and our relationship with the Lord. Help us to work every day to strengthen our relationship with Him.

Lord, thank you for your presence in my life. Help me to always remember your nearness.

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Novena to Saints Peter and Paul - Day 7

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Amen.

Dear St. Paul, you built churches, you wrote letters, you converted sinners, and you saved souls. We look to your example as we live our lives and strive to teach others about Christ.

Inspire us with your fervor to spread the Gospel. May we give our time to serve our community and to spread Christ's truths. Pray that we will place a greater importance on doing good for others and building up the Kingdom of God in our communities.

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Novena to Saints Peter and Paul - Day 8

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Amen.

St. Peter and St. Paul, we know that you were great and successful evangelists because you first listened to God.

It's often difficult to find the time to sit quietly and just listen to God's word. Please pray for us as we try to hear His voice in our lives.

Lord, we want to hear you, we want to follow you, we want to love you. Help us to come closer and to listen better for your voice and your will in my life.

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Amen.

St. Peter and St. Paul, you led the Church through difficult times, and you laid the foundation necessary for the difficult times ahead. You understood that God was with you and that, because of that, no one can be against you. Your immense trust in Him inspires us as we walk through our own difficult times.

Help us to have the trust that you had. Pray that we know that God will never forsake us, and help us turn to our Heavenly Father for help in times of crisis.

St. Peter and St. Paul, pray for us to never stray from Christ.

Lord, we trust you. Help us to trust in You more.

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