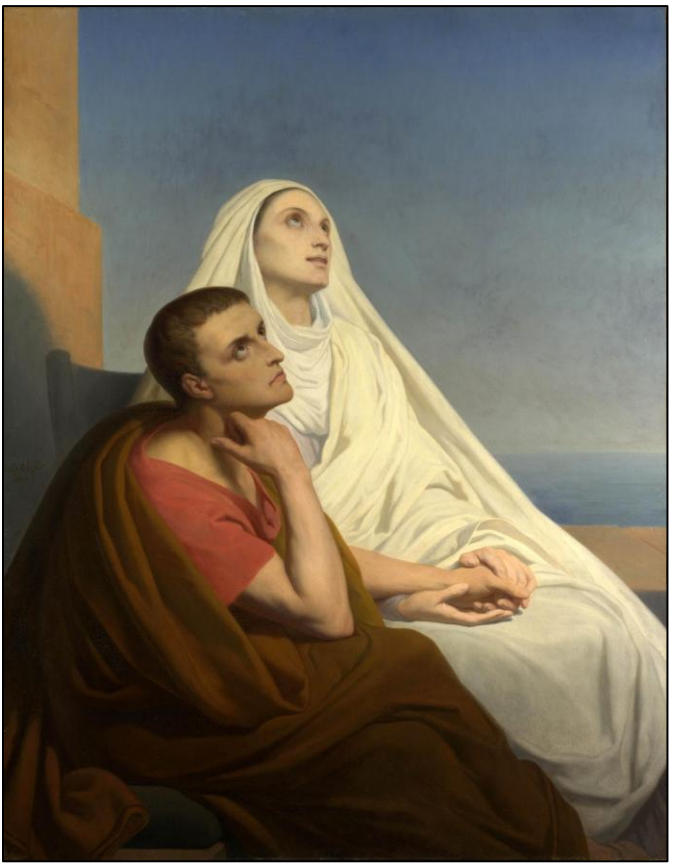

# NOVENA TO SAINT MONICA

*PRAYERS FOR CHILDREN*

FAITHFUL GOD, Light of all hearts, we praise Thee for St. Monica, woman of living faith and reconciling love. She nursed her son, Augustine, on the Name of Jesus, and urged him tirelessly to a Christian way of life. In answer to her prayers for his conversion, Thou gavest her greater joy than all her tears had dared to ask. Hear our prayers: [*make intention*]. As once Thou didst captivate the heart of St. Augustine, so now draw our hearts to Thee, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new. ℟. Amen.

GOD, Who observed the devout tears and pleading of St. Monica and granted to her prayers the conversion of her husband and the penitential return of her son, Augustine, grant us the grace to implore Thee also with earnest zeal, so that we may obtain, as she did, the salvation of our own soul and the souls of those belonging to us. Through Christ Our Lord. ℟. Amen.

HOLY MONICA, by thy patience and prayers thou didst obtain from God the conversion of thy husband and the grace to live in peace with him; obtain for us, we beseech thee, the blessing of Almighty God, so that true harmony and peace may reign also in our homes, and that all the members of our families may attain eternal life. ℟. Amen.

HOLY MONICA, by thy burning tears and unceasing prayers thou didst save thy son from eternal damnation; obtain for us the grace ever to comprehend what is most conducive to the salvation of our children, so that we may effectively restrain them from sin and lead them by virtue and piety to Heaven. ℟. Amen.

MARY, Immaculate Virgin and Sorrowful Mother, commend our beloved children to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, who refuses nothing to His Mother. ℟. Amen.

℣. Holy Guardian Angels, ℟. Pray for them.
℣. St. Joseph, powerful patron, ℟. Pray for them.
℣. St. John, beloved disciple of the Heart of Jesus, ℟. Pray for them.
℣. St. Augustine, ℟. Pray for them.
℣. St. Anthony, ℟. Pray for them.
℣. St. Aloysius, ℟. Pray for them.
℣. St. Anne, Mother of Our Lady, ℟. Pray for them.
℣. St. Elizabeth, ℟. Pray for them.
℣. St. Monica, ℟. Pray for them. Amen.