

## *Hymn of St. Dominic*

*T*hou who, hero-like, hast striven  
For the cause of God and heaven!  
Dominic, whose life was given  
Sinners to recall.  
Saint of high and dauntless spirit,  
By thy vast unmeasured merit,  
By thy name which we inherit,  
Hear us when we call.

*F*lower of chastity, the fairest  
Of her lily buds thou bearest,  
Snow-white as the robe thou wearest,  
Gift from hands divine.  
With thy brow of starry splendour,  
With thine eyes so mild and tender,  
Mary's client--truth's defender,  
To our prayers incline.

*G*reat Apostle, ever claiming  
Souls for Jesus--by the naming  
Mary and her Son proclaiming  
Mysteries of faith;  
Still, O Dominic, the preaching  
Of those childlike beads is reaching  
Childlike hearts all sweetly teaching  
Christ's own life and death.

*W*ith those Aves, first and plainest  
Of the Church's prayers, thou rainest  
Blessings on the earth and gainest  
Souls whom Jesus made.  
Loving Father I at thy station  
Of seraphic contemplation,  
In each hour of dark temptation,  
Give thy saving aid



## *Novena Prayer to St. Dominic*

*(to be said for nine consecutive days)*

*O* glorious Saint Dominic, thou who wast a model of mortification and purity, by punishing thy innocent body with scourges, with fastings and with watchings, and by keeping inviolate the lily of thy virginity, obtain for us the grace to practice penance with a generous heart and to keep unspotted the purity of our bodies and our hearts.

*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.*

*O* great Saint, who, inflamed with divine love, didst find thy delight in prayer and intimate union with God; obtain for us to be faithful in our daily prayers, to love our Lord ardently, and to observe His commandments with ever increasing fidelity.

*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.*

*O* glorious Saint Dominic, who, being filled with zeal for the salvation of souls, didst preach the Gospel in season and out of season and didst establish the Order of Friars Preachers to labor for the conversion of heretics and poor sinners, pray thou to God for us, that He may grant us to love all our brethren sincerely and to cooperate always, by our prayers and good works, in their sanctification and eternal salvation.

*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.*

*V. Pray for us, Saint Dominic,*

*R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

*Let us pray:* Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who are weighed down by the burden of our sins may be raised up by the patronage of blessed Dominic Thy Confessor. Through Christ our Lord. Amen