

Novena to St. Monica August 18– 26

Exemplary Mother of the Great Augustine, you perseveringly pursued your wayward son not with wild threats, but with prayerful cries to Heaven.

Intercede for all mothers in our day so that they may learn to draw their children to God. Teach them how to remain close to their children, even the prodigal sons and daughters who have sadly gone astray.

Dear St. Monica, troubled wife and mother, many sorrows pierced your heart during your lifetime. Yet you never despaired or lost faith. With confidence, persistence and profound faith, you prayed daily for the conversion of your beloved husband, Patrius and your beloved son, Augustine. Grant us that same fortitude, patience and trust in the Lord. Intercede for us, dear St. Monica that God may favorably hear our plea (for the intentions we mention now in silence...).

And grant us the grace to accept His will in all things, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever.

Amen.