

# Novena to the Good Mother

9 days praying  
with Henriette



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We offer you the novena prepared to pray with the spirituality of the Good Mother, Henriette Aymer. Each day the indicated prayer will be performed, either personally or in groups, and at the end, the prayer for the beatification of the Good Mother will be prayed, expressly expressing the request that we wish to make.

## Prayer for the Beatification of the Good Mother

God, our Father, in your great goodness and mercy,  
You have called Henrietta to be a witness of your Love  
revealed in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

In Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament,  
she felt the need to contemplate, live and announce your love  
to a world torn by violence and division.

Together with Pierre Coudrin,  
she founded the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary  
and of the perpetual Adoration  
to continue this mission in all time and place.

By your intercession, grant us the favor that we ask

**(name the petition)**

In your goodness, let the Church soon recognize in her  
a true witness of the Gospel.

We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son.

Amen.

# 1. Abandonment in the Will of God

"Let your works always be to the greater glory of God"  
"Let us abandon ourselves to His divine mercy and trust"  
(Good Mother)



READING Ph 2, 12-13

"So then, my beloved, obedient as you have always been, not only when I am present but all the more now when I am absent, work out your salvation with fear and trembling. For God is the one who, for his good purpose, works in you both to desire and to work."



Good Mother, you knew to trust in God. All your trust was in the hands of the Lord. In Him you found comfort, joy and strength for life. You knew that the Lord would never leave you. You said: Lord, here is your humble daughter to do your will.



PSALM 46

God is our refuge and our strength,  
an ever-present help in distress.

Thus we do not fear,  
though earth be shaken  
and mountains quake  
to the depths of the sea...

The Lord of hosts is with us;  
our stronghold is the God of Jacob

*Lord, we pray through Henriette to help us discover that You are our only treasure. Increase our faith so we can live with courage the difficult moments of our life.*

## 2. Listening to God and to others

"During the Salve, the Lord opened His heart to me.  
He told me: come, my children, come my friends,  
come to dive yourselves in my Heart..."  
(Good Mother)



READING Prov 8, 32-35

"Now, children, listen to me; happy are they who keep my ways. Listen to instruction and grow wise, do not reject it! Happy the one who listens to me, attending daily at my gates, keeping watch at my doorposts; for whoever finds me finds life, and wins favor from the Lord.



Henriette, you were a woman with a special sensitivity to listening. You took time to listen to God and the people around you. You listened to the Lord to know his designs on the people and the Congregation. You listened to people to be close to their needs, concerns, share their works and joys, try to ease their pain, accompany their faith...



PSALM 126

Unless the Lord build the house,  
they labor in vain who build.  
Unless the Lord guard the city,  
in vain does the guard keep watch.

It is vain for you to rise early  
and put off your rest at night,  
To eat bread earned by hard toil—  
all this God gives to his beloved in  
sleep.

*The language of God is special and only who is attentif can grasp it among the thousand voices that resonate within us. That is why we ask Him to help us understand how God speaks concretely and what are the traces that He leaves when He speaks to us within us. Lord, we ask you through Henriette to help us to open our hearts to your Word and teach us to listen to those around us.*

# 3. Worship with Faith and Love

"Lord, here I am, make of me what you want.  
All for God, all in God and all to God"  
(Good Mother)



READING Eph 1, 17-18

"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones."



Henriette, you have offered yourself totally to God. You have lived in complete union with Jesus Crucified, dead and risen. You have emptied yourself and let your heart be filled with the Holy Spirit to hear and respond to the will of God.



PSALM 103

Bless the Lord, my soul;  
all my being, bless his holy name!  
Bless the Lord, my soul;  
and do not forget all his gifts,  
  
Who pardons all your sins,  
and heals all your ills,  
Who redeems your life from the pit,  
and crowns you with mercy and  
compassion.

*Lord, we ask you through Henriette, that you strengthen and increase our faith and love in Jesus, and thus we can abandon our lives in His hands.*

# 4. Living in peace

"Strive to maintain the peace, unity, goodness and mutual support that show a good spirit"  
"Joy and fervor are always united"  
(Good Mother)



READING 1Pe 3, 8-9

"Finally, all of you, be of one mind, sympathetic, loving toward one another, compassionate, humble. Do not return evil for evil, or insult for insult; but, on the contrary, a blessing, because to this you were called, that you might inherit a blessing."



Henriette, your deep communion with God provides your heart to live in peace and happiness, valuing the simple things of life and appreciating each person.



PSALM 96

Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;  
proclaim his salvation day after day.

Tell his glory among the nations;  
among all peoples, his marvelous deeds.  
For great is the Lord and highly  
to be praised,  
to be feared above all gods.

*Lord, we ask you through Henriette to teach us how to build communion and that, like her, we create fraternity with all who are related to us, whatever culture, race, language or religion they may be.*

# 5. Kindness and simplicity

"...Be gentle, good, prudent,  
never command... always ask."  
(Good Mother)



READING Rm 12, 9-13

"Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor. Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality."



Henriette, you were an open woman and attentive to others. You always saw their positive side. You gave up on your tastes so that the others would be well and happy.



PSALM 113

Praise, you servants of the Lord,  
praise the name of the Lord.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
both now and forever.

From the rising of the sun to its setting  
let the name of the Lord be praised.  
High above all nations is the Lord;  
above the heavens his glory.  
Who is like the Lord our God,  
enthroned on high,  
looking down on heaven and earth?

*Lord, we ask you through the intercession of Henriette, help us to cultivate attitudes of availability, dispossession, humility and kindness to serve others.*



## 6. Collaboration with others

"Our poor brothers are leaving soon for the Sandwich Islands. Accompany them with your prayers, they will run many dangers "  
(Good Mother)



READING 1Pe 4, 8-10

"Above all, let your love for one another be intense, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."



Good Mother, you were concerned to create a family of brothers, sisters and lay people to do the will of God: to communicate the love of God to all people. You did not know how to carry out the "Work of God". But all they provided something: support, friendship, kindness.



PSALM 83

How lovely your dwelling,  
O Lord of hosts!  
My soul yearns and pines  
for the courts of the Lord.  
My heart and flesh cry out  
for the living God.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house!  
They never cease to praise you.  
Blessed the man who finds refuge in you,  
in their hearts are pilgrim roads.

*Lord, we pray through Henrietta that our words and actions be a source of communion with others, so that together we can build your Kingdom.*

# 7. Charity with one's neighbor

"The best way to be totally of God, is to surrender totally to one's neighbor" . "I say to you as St. John that you love one another"  
(Good Mother)



READING Lk 6, 35-36

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as also your Father is merciful."



Henriette, the Heart of Jesus placed in you this inexhaustible charity that gave you the title of Good Mother. You manifested with your life that the love of God is concretized in welcoming and listening to the neighbor.



PSALM 71

O God, give your judgment to the king;  
your justice to the king's son;  
That he may govern your people  
with justice,  
your oppressed with right judgment.

That the mountains may yield their  
bounty for the people,  
and the hills great abundance,  
That he may defend the oppressed  
among the people,  
save the children of the poor and  
crush the oppressor

*Lord, we ask you through Henriette to help us to live the simplicity, the spirit of service, the welcome and the affection of the one towards the other. Grant us the joy of living as brothers and sisters and to love as Jesus loved us.*

# 8. Taking risks for God

"Have courage, patience and fervor... we say and do everything for God always, and everything will be fine"  
(Good Mother)



READING Mt 10, 19-20

"When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say. You will be given at that moment what you are to say. For it will not be you who speak but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you."



Good Mother, moved by the Spirit, you were prepared to risk your life for God: you have given refuge to persecuted priests. You founded with Pierre Coudrin a religious family of men and women in a time of persecution and death.



PSALM 145

I will extol you, my God and king;  
I will bless your name forever and ever.  
Every day I will bless you;  
I will praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord and worthy of  
much praise,  
whose grandeur is beyond understanding.  
One generation praises your deeds  
to the next  
and proclaims your mighty works.

*Lord, we ask you through Henriette to make us live in this spirit of risking our lives for your Kingdom.*

# 9. The apostolic zeal

"The Lord wants an Order destined to adore his Heart...to form in love the hearts of young people and to spread throughout the world the devotion to the Sacred Hearts"  
(Good Mother)



READING Mt 9,35-38



"Jesus went around to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness. At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples: the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."



Good Mother, the Lord revealed to you that the world needed an apostolic Congregation. Your apostolic zeal is seen in your counsels that encouraged to surrender totally to others. It was important for you to be united to the missionaries, so you always prayed for them. You were well acquainted with the situation of young people and children, and you were concerned that they had free schools.



PSALM 85

You once favored, Lord, your land,  
restored the captives of Jacob;  
Show us, Lord, your mercy;  
grant us your salvation.

I will listen for what God, the Lord,  
has to say;  
surely he will speak of peace  
to his people and to his faithful.

*Lord, we pray through Henrietta for zeal for mission: may our heart, like that of the Good Mother, be moved and we give life by teaching, proclaiming the Good News, giving encouragement to the fallen, healing, serving, praying... so that the world may be according to your Heart.*