

Novena to the Holy Innocents

Heavenly Father,

“By their wordless profession of faith in your Son, the Holy Innocents were crowned with life at His birth.”* Knowing how precious they are to you and how similar they are to the millions of innocent lives lost through abortion, we call on them to join in our prayer:

1. That all our elected leaders, legislators, and judges may come to acknowledge the humanity of every child in the womb and enact laws and policies to defend them, we pray: *Lord, hear our prayer.*
2. That everyone throughout the world may be given the light to see beyond all doubt the uniqueness and full humanity of every child who has ever been conceived, we pray: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For these intentions and in union with the Holy Innocents, we pray as the Lord Jesus taught us: “Our Father, who art in heaven...”

Pray this novena for nine consecutive days any time of the year. Since the Feast of the Holy Innocents is celebrated on December 28th, it would be most appropriate to pray this novena beginning on December 19th so as to conclude the day before their feast. (Cf. Matthew 2:13-18)

*Feast of the Holy Innocents, post communion prayer

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