

54 days to change the world. Day 28.

Today is the twenty-eighth day of this novena. We will be praying the Joyful Mysteries in a spirit of thanksgiving.

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Throughout the past 27 days, we have prayed three consecutive novenas in a spirit of petition. With confidence in Our Lady, we have laid our petitions at her feet, knowing she would bring them to her Son. Through the stories of miraculous events and from the testimonies of the saints, we have seen how Our Lady is committed to those who implore her intercession. She never abandons those who cry out for her miraculous aid! Inspired by this reality, we should offer resounding thanksgiving for the gift of our Blessed Mother! No matter the current situation regarding our petitions, be they joyfully healed or still painfully unresolved, we should move to a spirit of thanksgiving.

When Our Lady first gave the devotion of the 54-Day Rosary Novena to Fortuna, she specifically instructed her to pray the last three novenas in thanksgiving, *regardless of the state of her initial petitions!* Throughout these past 27 days you may have seen transformations in your life. Perhaps you have seen your petitions resolved, or even hearts changed! Or perhaps nothing has changed. Maybe it seemed anything but miraculous and you've struggled as your hardships have remained just that, *hard*. Despite the status of our petitions, as we enter into these last three novenas, let us be encouraged to do as Our Lady has requested and enter into a spirit of thanksgiving. Christ has given to us His mother and she is a constant companion through all of life's triumphs and tumults, we must be abundantly grateful for this gift!

If you are struggling to give thanks in this period, do not worry! Ask Our Blessed Mother to intercede on your behalf! There are also great examples of thanksgiving in scripture and the lives of the saints!

Moreover, in this 54-day novena, Our Lady has given us prayers to help enter into this proper spirit. As we make these final three novenas in a spirit of thanksgiving, be sure to revisit the *Learn To Pray The Novena* link and review how the daily prayers shift to reflect a spirit of thanksgiving!