

Litany of Saint Monica

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven,
have mercy on us.

God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us.*

Respond:
pray for us and for our children.

Holy Mary, conceived without stain of original sin, R.

Holy Mary, glorious Mother of Jesus Christ, R.

St. Monica, R.

Model of wives, R.

You who converted your unbelieving husband, Mother of St. Augustine, R.

Strict and prudent teacher, guardian of your son in all his ways, R.
You who carefully watched over his conduct, R.

You who were sorely distressed at his erring from the right, R.

You who were untiring in your petitions for his soul's safety, R.

You who still hoped on amid the bitterness of your heart and your floods of tears, R.

You who were filled with consolation upon his return to God, R.

Respond:
pray for us and for our children

You who died calmly after faithfully fulfilling your duties, R.

You who are the prayerful intercessor of all mothers who pray and weep as you did, R.

Respond:
we beseech you, St. Monica.

Preserve the innocence of our children, R.

Protect them against the deceits of evil men, R.

Protect them from the dangers of bad example, R.

Watch over the movements of grace in their hearts. R.

Let the Christian virtues strike deep root in their hearts and bear much fruit. R.

Redouble your intercession for youth approaching adulthood. R.

Obtain for all in mortal sin true contrition and perfect conversion. R.

Obtain for all mothers to fulfill their duties steadily and perseveringly. R.

Commend all mothers to the protection of the ever-blessed Virgin Mother of Our Lord. Favorably incline the heart of your beloved son Augustine to the salvation of our children.

St. Augustine, holy son of a saintly mother, *pray for us and for our children.*

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us, O Lord!*

Pray for us, O holy St. Monica,
That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Novena of Saint Monica

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.
Amen.

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, Patricius,
and your beloved son, Augustine.

Grant me that same fortitude, patience
and trust in the Lord.
Intercede for me, dear St. Monica,
for *(mention your petition here)*
and grant me the grace to accept his will
in all things,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever. Amen.