

Novena During Sickness

**Our Lady of Monte Berico, Novena – Intercessor and protector in moments of plague**

*O Most Holy Virgin, Mother of God and my Mother Mary, I thank you that you have deigned to appear on Monte Berico and I thank you for all the graces you grant here to those who turn to you. Nobody ever prayed to you in vain. I, too, resort to you and beg you by the Passion and Death of Jesus and by your pains: welcome me, o' merciful Mother, under your mantle, which is a maternal mantle; grant me the particular grace that I ask of You [protection and healing from the Coronavirus for all members of our Catholic schools and parishes in the Diocese of Nelson, and for all citizens of our province, country, and world] and protect me from all evil and especially from sin which is the greatest evil.*

*Oh make, oh Mary, my Mother, that I always enjoy your loving protection in life and even more in death and then come to see you in heaven and to thank and bless you forever. Amen.*

*Madonna of Monte Berico, pray for us.*

*O sweet Virgin, pious mother of love,  
Like this Ave rising from the heart.  
Ave, ave, ave, Maria  
Ave, ave, ave, Maria*

*O Virgin, shine as a star in the sky,  
Motherly defend your faithful children.  
Ave, ave, ave Maria  
Ave, ave, ave, Maria*

Daily updates from our health authorities continue to be available at <http://www.bccdc.ca/>. Please check our website <https://www.nelsondiocese.org/> for ongoing information.

Thank you for your understanding and especially for your support as we weather this storm together.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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