

Our Lady of Good Counsel Introduction

Our Lady of Good Counsel is one of the many titles given to Mary. Titles like Our Lady of Lourdes and Our Lady of Fatima were given as the result of a Marian apparition. Our Lady of Good Counsel was a title given after a Marian miracle that took place in Italy during the 15th century. While this title was given to Mary after a single event, the novena prayers will focus on how Mary has been our counselor throughout history.

About Our Lady of Good Counsel The miracle of Our Lady of Good Counsel took place in Italy in a town south of Rome called Genazzano. The church where the miracle took place, Santa Maria, was already a pilgrimage site where miracles were reported to have happened. In 1467 on the Feast of St. Mark, the people of the town heard “exquisite music.” They said that a cloud came down and destroyed an unfinished wall of the church. When the cloud had disappeared, it left behind a fresco on a very thin piece of plaster of Mary holding the infant Jesus. It is thought that the fresco had been miraculously relocated from Scutari, Albania.

Several popes have visited the site and have had devotion to Our Lady of Good Counsel, including Pope Urban VIII, Pope Pius IX, Pope Benedict XIV, Pope Leo XIII, and Pope Pius XII. Pope Pius XII wrote a different novena to Our Lady of Good Counsel. Our Lady of Good Counsel Novena Prayers

In these days of COVID-19 let us pray for each other with the help of Our Lady.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Novena - Day 1

Mary, our Mother, you have always been concerned with the affairs of the world and of each person throughout history. In your “yes” to the angel Gabriel to accept your role as the Mother of God, you accepted a unique role as a mediator between Heaven and Earth.

Our Lady of Good Counsel, today, I ask for your intercession for a world in need of your guidance and for counsel in my own life.

(State your intentions here)

For guidance for our world leaders, pray for us. For counsel for those who are persecuted and suffer grave injustice, pray for us. For an increase in love, trust, and devotion to your Immaculate Heart that leads us to Jesus, pray for us.

Blessed Mary, Star of the Sea, guide us now as you have guided pilgrims in years past. Be our constant beacon, a blazing light in this dark night, and lead us home to dwell with your Son forever and ever. Amen

