



On March 3, 1884, a young girl named Fortuna Agrelli was graced with an apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary and given this special devotion which she passed onto others. At the time, young Fortuna was ill with 3 separate incurable diseases and her doctors had given up on her case saying it was hopeless. In desperation, the young girl and her family began a novena of Rosaries. Our Lady appeared to the girl, sitting upon a high throne, surrounded by luminous figures, holding the Divine Child on Her lap, and in Her hand a Rosary. The sick girl greeted the Blessed Virgin with the following words: "Queen of the Holy Rosary, be gracious to me, restore me to health! I have already prayed to Thee in a novena, O Mary, but have not yet experienced Thy aid. I am so anxious to be cured!" "Child, responded the Blessed Virgin, you have invoked Me by various titles and have always obtained favours from Me. Now, since you have called Me by that title so pleasing to Me, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, I can no longer refuse the favour you petition; for this name is most precious and dear to Me. Make three novenas, and you shall obtain all."

Once more, the Queen of the Holy Rosary appeared to the young girl and said, **"Whoever desires to obtain favours from Me should make three novenas of the prayers of the Rosary, and three novenas in thanksgiving."** Obeying Our Lady's instructions, the young girl was healed and restored to perfect health.

The rosary novena to Our Lady of Pompeii (Irresistible Novena)

The novena is divided into two parts, each twenty-seven days. This is a 54 days novena.

1. Pray at least three decades of the mystery each day (Glorious, Joyful and Sorrowful).
2. Say introductory prayers (*Apostles Creed* etc.) only once.
3. Begin each decade with following words: **I am praying the rosary for Thy glory, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary.**
4. Say your intention then (one for all the novena).
5. Finish each rosary with the prayer below.
6. Then say 3 times: **Queen of the Holy Rosary, pray for us!**

PETITION PRAYER (first 27 days)

Blessed Lady of Pompeii, who has ever turned to you with confidence and has not been heard? You have never turned down any of your children, any of your worshippers, who were looking for your help, hear my plea, o Mother of the Word, and through your Holy Rosary and the Temple of Pompeii please look with favor on my devotion. Amen.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER (last 27 days)

What have I to offer you, Oh, Queen, rich in mercy and magnificence? What remains of my life I dedicate to you, and to the propagating of your cult everywhere, Oh, Virgin of the Rosary of Pompeii, through whose invocation the grace of the Lord has visited me. I shall promote the devotion of your rosary; I shall tell everyone of the mercy you have obtained for me; I shall always proclaim your goodness towards me, so that others as well, unworthy as I and sinners, may turn to you with confidence. If all the world only knew how good you are, how compassionate with those who suffer, all creatures would turn to you. Amen.