



*Our Lady of Czeszochowa, commonly known as the Black Madonna, is an icon attributed to Saint Luke and presented to Mary. Painted on a cypress wood table top which came from the home of the Holy Family, it depicts Our Blessed Mother and the Infant Jesus. So taken with the portrait She said, "My grace shall accompany it!"*

*Treasured by the early Christians, it was found by St. Helen while searching for the true cross. Helen gave it to her son Constantine the Great, the first Christian emperor of Rome. He built a chapel for the icon and it remained in Constantinople for several hundred years. Eventually through wedding dowry it was given to Prince Ladislaus of Opole.*

*While bringing it to his castle Mary appeared to Ladislaus and instructed him to 'build a chapel and monastery on the hill' before him, Jasna Gora. There the icon has remained for over 600 years and become the center of religious devotion for the people of Poland.*

*The faces of Mary and Jesus have been darkened over the years from fire and dirt as the icon survived the wars which raged over Poland.*

*Over 1600 first class miracles have been authenticated to Our Lady of Czeszochowa, and it was with a great love that Brother Bronislaus built the grottos and dedicated the Black Madonna Shrine to Her.*

### Our Lady of Czeszochowa

*Novena in honor of  
Our Lady of Czeszochowa  
August 18th - August 26th*

*Our Lady of Czeszochowa  
Queen of Peace and Mercy*

*So pleased was Mary with the portrait  
painted by St. Luke that She blessed  
both the artist and his work  
with these words  
"My Grace shall accompany it."*

*The Franciscan Brothers, who are charged  
with the care of the  
Black Madonna Shrine and Grottos, invite  
you to join with us and the Shrine staff in  
offering prayers to  
Our Lady of Czeszochowa!*

Dear Franciscan Brothers,

I would like you to place the following petitions on Our Lady's Shrine altar during the novena.

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Please burn \_\_\_\_\_ candle(s) for my intentions during the novena. I have enclosed \$4.00 for each candle I have requested to be lit.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please send me a 3<sup>rd</sup> class relic holy card of Our Blessed Mother of Czeszochowa.

We have a beautiful Our Lady of Czeszochowa static cling sun catcher available to all who send a minimum donation of \$15.  Check this box if you would like one.

*Our staff makes every effort to respond to all requests, but limited funds and the expense of printing and postage, may restrict our ability to respond to requests for less than \$5 or for candles only. We hope that you understand, for every cent we spend on printing or postage means less for the preservation of the grottos and the good works done by the Franciscan Brothers.*

Dear Brother

I have listed my petitions and I earnestly pray that my offering of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ will be of help to you with the maintenance of Our Lady's Shrine and Grottos.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Detach this section and Return the petition slip to Black Madonna Shrine PO Box 181 Eureka MO 63025

Dear Friends of Our Lady's Shrine:

We offer novena prayers to Our Mother Mary for a period of nine days, August 18 - 26, with Holy Mass being offered each day at the Monastery Chapel. All petitioners will be remembered at mass and in the daily prayers offered here at the Shrine Chapel at 11 a.m.

I urge all of you to join with us in prayer, asking for Our Blessed Mother's help. If you are near the Shrine, please stop in and join with us in prayer.

May the peace and blessing of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Sincerely,  
Mike Scully and  
Sister Mary Francis

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA  
(begin each day with the following)

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

I beg of Thee, my God,  
Make haste to assist me.

Oh Holy Father, merciful and just,  
giver of all good gifts and graces,  
I honor you through the Virgin Mary,  
and to ask Her help in my daily life.

O Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Our Lord Jesus and our mother filled with the most lively confidence, in all powerful and never failing intercession manifested so often through the Miraculous Picture, we your loving and trustful children, implore you to obtain for us the graces and favors we ask during this Novena, if they be beneficial to our immortal souls and the souls for whom we pray...

(privately mention your petitions)  
You know, O Mary, how often our souls have been the sanctuaries of your Son Who hates iniquity. Obtain for us then a deep hatred of sin and that purity of heart which will attach us to God alone so that our every thought, word, and deed may tend to His greater glory. Obtain for us also a spirit of prayer and self-denial that we may recover by penance what we have lost by sin and at length attain to that blessed abode where you are the Queen of angels and of men. Amen.

O holiest Virgin, Our Lady of Czestochowa, behold your loving children, kneeling at your feet, imploring your patronage. Receive us, we beseech you, and protect us with the mantle of your affection.

DAY 1 Holy Mary,  
In thy presence we repeat once more all the good resolutions we have made in life. With your help, we firmly purpose to keep them til death.

DAY 2 Holy Mary,  
accept these prayers which come from the depths of our hearts, obtain for us from your Divine Son Jesus Christ a strong faith, unswerving loyalty to our Church, unshaken hope and abiding love.

DAY 3 Holy Mary,  
Our Blessed Mother of Czestochowa, we implore your intercession, that by venerating your Miraculous Painting we may be found worthy of beholding your face in heaven.

DAY 4 Holy Mary,  
at the birth of your son the world rejoiced the Glory of God became man. Assist us to accept the Divine Will and help us live a life worthy of your love.

DAY 5 Holy Mary,  
We are not worthy of your kindness because of our sins we have strayed. Therefore, through the Most Precious Blood which your Son poured out for us we beg, do not cast us aside.

DAY 6 Holy Mary,  
You are full of grace, goodness and mercy, help those in need now and show us the path to your love, and the true road to salvation.

DAY 7 Holy Mary,  
Jesus loves you so, spark our hearts with your love and, Shower our families with Your heavenly graces and blessings.

DAY 8 Holy Mary,  
Mother of God, we place our lives in your care. Grant peace and justice to our world, that we might live in harmony.

DAY 9 Holy Mary,  
through You we beseech Our Lord bring us acceptance to the Divine Will please help us accept what will be, Forgive our sins and grant us eternal life

In conclusion of the novena, say one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be.