SIXTH DAY

"The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you." (Luke 1:35)

We are heirs of God's promises, and that is why the power of the Most High will also overshadow us.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

• Let us visit or join a Prayer Group and be open to discover the grace the Lord pours upon us through the effusion of the Holy Spirit when we pray together! That we might feel His power overshadowing us! (Go to CLOSING PRAYER)

SEVENTH DAY

"Even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; (...) for nothing will be impossible with God." (Luke 1:36-37)

This is a healing prayer that was sealed in our hearts with the Blood of the Lamb! God wants to do the impossible in our lives!

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• We are called to be adorers together with the angels. Let us seek opportunities to be before the Blessed Sacrament reaffirming our faith and proclaiming: "for nothing is impossible with God." (Go to CLOSING PRAYER)

EIGHTH DAY

"And Mary said, "Behold, the bondslave of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)

A meek and humble heart, like the heart of Jesus, is not rebellious. God resists the proud and embraces the meek. *"Blessed are the gentle for they will inherit the earth."* (Mat 5:5)

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• God's heart suffers deeply when He sees the many who have fallen far away from the Church. Let us not shy away from any physical, spiritual or financial efforts to evangelize!

NINTH DAY

"But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 1:20)

St Joseph, holy and just, was called to be the guardian of Salvation's plan. Our families play a role in the salvation plan of all humanity. Believe: your family is also part of this plan!

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• Let us look at our dear ones with the eyes of Jesus, who is God and Teacher of the true embrace. Lift up your family to the Holy Family, asking through the merits of the Archangel St. Gabriel that you might be a living testimony; one who proclaims the love of Jesus in every circumstance!

CLOSING PRAYER (For each day)

Glorious St. Gabriel, with trusting hearts we thank you for your powerful intercession; that by renewing our prayers each day we might also renew our faith, hope and charity, through which we will always remain in the presence of the Holy Trinity, who loves us with eternal love. Amen.

"Because you bave kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing; that hour which is about to come upon the whole world to test those who dwell on the earth. I am coming quickly; hold fast to what you have, so that no one will take your crown." (Revelation 3:10-11)

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NOVENA OF THE ANNUNCIATION









We, at Santos Anjos (Holy Angels) Catholic Community, having our charism "a means of embracing to proclaim Jesus" inspired and lived in the gospel passage of the Annunciation (Luke 1:30-32), are called to share our joy with all the people of God.

Celebrating the **Feast of the Annunciation** with the Church on March 25 we prepare our hearts by doing a Novena to St. Gabriel and inviting everyone we know to join us!

So let us together heed to the most significant proclamation of God's intervention in the history of mankind:

"Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High."

INTENTION

As we begin this novena, we pray for the conversion of someone in need. We remember those who not only do not know Jesus, but also those who, even though knowing Him, are still reluctant to go deeper into the relationship.

Intention: "Lord, during this novena and through my daily prayers, I lift up to you <u>INSERT NAME</u> and I pray for the conversion of all who left the Church and don't believe."

OPENING PRAYER (For each day)

Glorious St. Gabriel, you who stand before God, come to our assistance so that we might open ourselves to the grace of the Annunciation of the Incarnation of the Word of God. Through your merits and the guidance of the divine Holy Spirit, lead us that we may always remain in the Word of God. Amen.

FIRST DAY

Gabriel is the "Angel of the Annunciation"

Before the coming of the Messiah, Gabriel announced the coming of John the Baptist. "But the angel said to him: do not be afraid, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John." (Luke 1:13)

Our dialogue with God removes all fear; it renews our faith and our trust in prayer. Let us ask the Lord that we might also be proclaimers of the wonders of God.

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• Let us transform prayer into action! Distribute copies of this novena to everyone you know and aim to pray it with your family. (Go to CLOSING PRAYER)

SECOND DAY

The Archangel stands before the "Throne of Grace"

"Zacharias said to the angel, "How will I know this for certain? For I am an old man and my wife is advanced in years." The angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news." (Luke 1:18-19)

The more prayerful we are, the closer to God we will get. There are no doubts that we will also be able to proclaim peace and goodness.

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• May our zeal be geared towards proclaiming that which builds, consoles and brings peace. (CLOSING PRAYER)

THIRD DAY

The Archangel is the messenger of Salvation's Plan

"Gabriel was sent from God to a virgin called Mary; and coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." Let us contemplate the Mystery of the Annunciation, letting God's grace penetrate in our souls.

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• Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a regular basis prepares our hearts to hear (and heed to) the annunciation of Salvation in our own lives. It sets us free. (Go to CLOSING PRAYER)

FOURTH DAY

"The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God." (Luke 1:30)

Fear paralyzes many Christians; but those who are before the Lord in prayer find the power of grace to win over all fear. Mary, full of grace, had no room in her heart for fear or doubt; she allowed her whole self open to the designs of God's love.

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• In a special way today, let us say a prayer of consecration to Mary(<u>http://</u><u>www.santorosario.net/english/</u><u>consecration.htm</u>) Together with her, let us walk towards God's love and grace (Go to CLOSING PRAYER)

FIFTH DAY

"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus (...) Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" (Luke 1:31-34)

God has great projects for our lives because He is Omnipotent, Omniscient and Omnipresent. We are the ones limiting His power with our smallness and our lack of trust.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

• Let us reaffirm our faith by writing a prayer of praise! By exalting God's wonders in our lives, let us make this prayer our motivation to praise Him everyday. (CLOSING PRAYER)