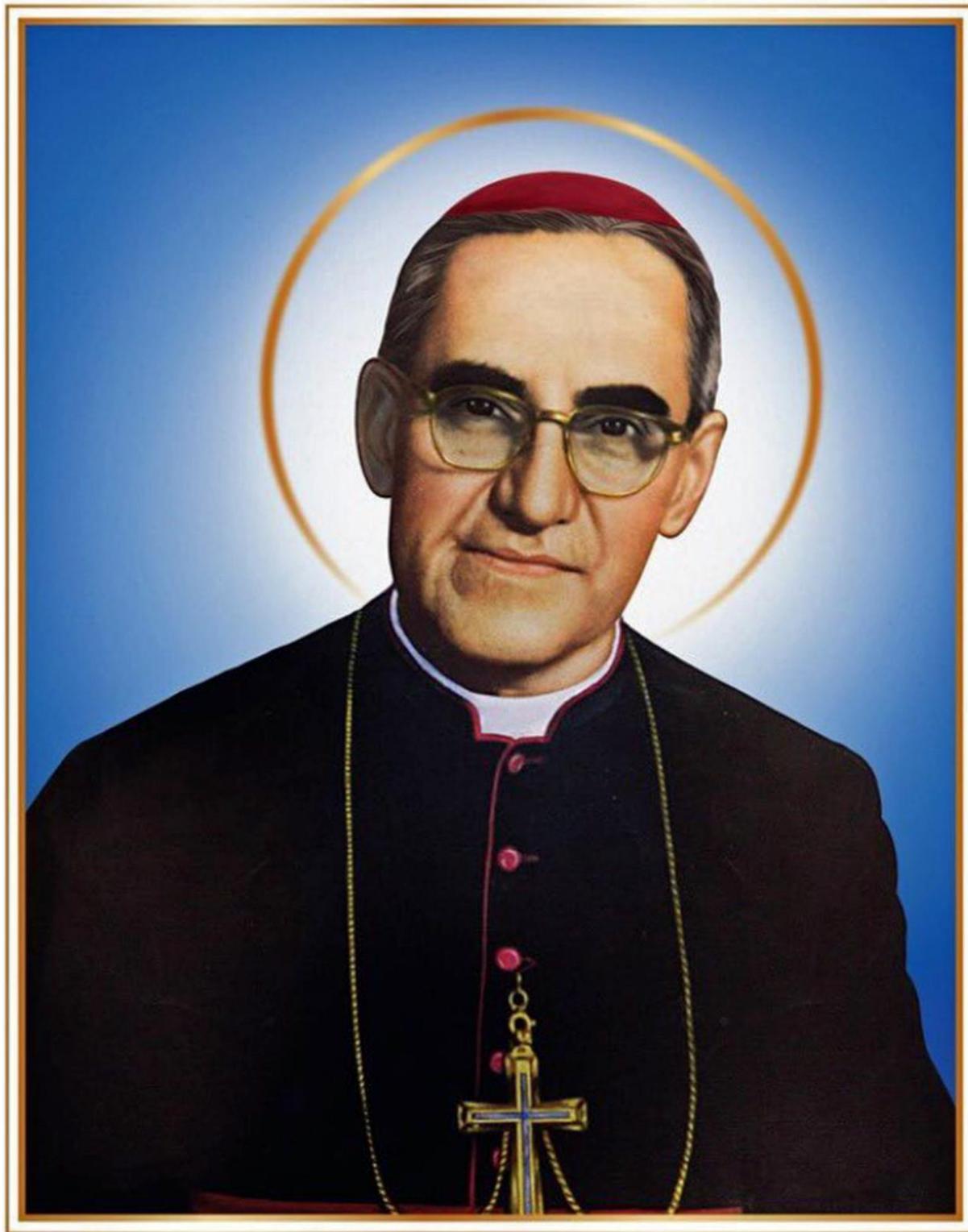


**Novena to Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero,**  
*Archbishop of San Salvador*



SAN ÓSCAR ARNULFO ROMERO  
OBISPO Y MÁRTIR

## **Act of love to God.**

*I believe faithfully and truly in the Mystery of the Holy Trinity,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three distinct persons and one true God,  
in whom I firmly trust to obtain the perfection of the pain  
of having offended His Most Holy Majesty,  
through the merits of My Lord Jesus Christ,  
those of His Blessed Mother and those of my glorious advocate  
Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero;  
I entreat the Lord to always preserve in me this living faith,  
to grant me the forgiveness of my sins, provide for my needs,  
and for what I ask in this Novena, if it is for His honor  
and for the good of my soul. If not, may I live obediently in His holy will,  
as that which suits me best. Amen.*

### **Preparatory prayer for each day**

*Glorious Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero,  
we turn to you, confident of your intercession.*

*We are drawn to you with a special devotion  
and we know that our supplications  
will be more pleasing to God our Lord, if you,  
who are so beloved of Him, present them to Him.*

*Your charity, an admirable reflection of God's own,  
compels you to succor all misery, to console all sorrow  
and to gratify all desires and needs, if it is to be of benefit to our souls.*

*Look, then, upon our miseries and sorrows, our labors and needs,  
our good desires, and help us to assure ourselves more and more  
of our eternal salvation with the practice of good works  
and the imitation of your virtues. And, in particular,  
we ask you to obtain for us from God the special grace  
that, by this devout Novena, we confidently hope to attain. Amen.*

### **Final prayer for each day**

*God the Father of all men and women, who has given us  
in your Martyr Saint Oscar Romero, a faithful and zealous Pastor,  
demonstrating a fervent love of your Church and in her in a special way,  
the poor and the needy, grant that we may know how to live  
according to the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

## **1st. day**

### **1. Sign of the Cross**

*Begin with the preparatory prayer for each day.*

### **2. Words of Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero - Meditation:**

*To love is to forgive.*

We live in groups, polarized, and perhaps not even those in the same group love each other because there can't be love where you are so partial, even until hating the other.

We need to break these dams, we need to feel  
that there is a Father who loves us all and is waiting for us all!  
We need to pray insistently to our Father and say:  
forgive us, just as we forgive.

### **3. Prayer**

By the generosity with which your Bishop Oscar Romero responded to God's call, recognizing the will of God with living faith always and in everything, I entreat you,  
in addition to the particular grace of this Novena,  
to grant me to be always faithful to your commands  
with a readiness and generosity similar to his,  
so that the faith received at Baptism  
will continuously grow and mature in my soul. Amen.

### **4. Petition to Archbishop Romero:**

We ask for your intercession Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero,  
so that love, justice and peace would reign in our lives,  
in our families, in our country and in the whole world. So be it.

*5. (Speak your petition(s) ...*

### **6. Pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory be.**

### **7. Final prayer for each day**

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## **2do. day**

### **1. Sign of the Cross**

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### **2. Words of Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero - Meditation:**

*To overcome by the power of love.*

Let's not get tired of preaching love,  
even if we see that waves of violence come to flood  
the fire of Christian love.

Love has to overcome.

Love is the only thing that can always win.

Love is the force that will overcome the world.

### **3. Prayer**

O Lord, who always hears the pleas of your saints;  
today we address you through the Glorious Martyr Oscar Romero  
to ask you with faith and confidence  
for all the needs of Our Mother Church,  
that she may ever hold fast in the fulfillment of your will.  
Also, Lord, we pray for the sick who invoke in faith  
the name of your Glorious Martyr Oscar Romero.

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and in her in a special way, the poor and the needy,  
grant that we may know how to live according to the Gospel.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

### **3th. day:**

#### **1. Sign of the Cross**

*Begin with the preparatory prayer for each day.*

#### **2. Words of Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero - Meditation:**

*Dignity of all life.*

God wants to give us life and preserve it.

Every man who kills or spoils life mutilating, torturing, repressing, is also discovering by contrast the divine image of the God of life, of the God who respects the life of men.

#### **3. General Intention**

By the unyielding hope that your Martyr Bishop Oscar Romero persevered in throughout his life,

trusting fully in your paternal providence,

I humbly implore you,

in addition to the particular grace of this Novena,

to grant me never to lose heart before the adversities of life,

but rather, animated by the hope of Heaven,

to live always confident of your merciful love.

Amen.

#### **4. Petition to Archbishop Romero:**

We ask for your intercession Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero, so that love, justice and peace would reign in our lives, in our families, in our country and in the whole world. So be it.

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*a faithful and zealous Pastor,*

*demonstrating a fervent love of your Church*

*and in her in a special way, the poor and the needy,*

*grant that we may know how to live according to the Gospel.*

*Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

## **4th day:**

### **1. Sign of the Cross**

*Begin with the preparatory prayer for each day.*

### **2. Words of Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero - Meditation:**

*In man, God is also "tortured".*

The one who tortures a man, the one who has offended a man,  
run over a man, has offended the image of God,  
and the Church feels that this cross, that martyrdom, is his.

### **3. General Intention**

By the burning charity that your Martyr Bishop Oscar Romero  
felt toward the poorest of the poor,  
I beseech you grant me the particular grace of this Novena,  
and that my heart may be inflamed, more and more every day,  
by the divine love that burns in you,  
and in which you long to see all men and women  
consumed and purified. Amen.

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## **5to. día. Meditación:**

### **1. Sign of the Cross**

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### **2. Words of Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero - Meditation:**

*Like the grain of wheat.*

The one who gives himself for love of Christ in the service of others, will live like the grain of wheat that dies, but only apparently.

If the grain does not die will be left alone.

If there is a harvest, then he dies and lets himself to be immolated in the earth, where he gets dissolved, and only being dissolved produces the good harvest.

### **3. Prayer**

By that inextinguishable zeal that consumed the soul of your Martyr Bishop Oscar Romero in favor of the spiritual and temporal good of his beloved flock, to the point of sacrificing his life for them, I humbly pray that in addition to the particular grace of this Novena, you grant that I be more concerned for my spiritual welfare and the salvation of others. Amen.

### **4. Petition to Archbishop Romero:**

We ask for your intercession Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero, so that love, justice and peace would reign in our lives, in our families, in our country and in the whole world. So be it.

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## **6to. día. Meditación:**

### **1. Sign of the Cross**

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### **2. Words of Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero - Meditation:**

#### *A Liberating Church*

The Church preaches liberation, a liberation that has above all, respect for the dignity of the person, , the salvation of the common good of the people, and the transcendence that looks first of all to God and only God derives its hope and strength.

### **3. Prayer**

By the love of work that characterized your Martyr Bishop Oscar Romero in all his tasks, however ordinary and tedious they might be, I humbly beg you, Lord, that besides the particular grace of this Novena, that you grant me a great spirit of faith, to see in the use of the present moment the most effective means of seeking the glory of God, the salvation of souls and my own sanctification. Amen.

### **4. Petition to Archbishop Romero:**

We ask for your intercession Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero, so that love, justice and peace would reign in our lives, in our families, in our country and in the whole world. So be it.

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Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

## **7mo. día. Meditación:**

### **1. Sign of the Cross**

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### **2. Words of Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero - Meditation:**

*My death for liberation.*

Martyrdom is a grace of God that I do not believe I deserve.  
But if God accepts the sacrifice of my life,  
may my blood be the seed of freedom  
and the sign that hope will soon be a reality.  
My death, if accepted by God, is for the liberation of my people  
and as a testimony of hope in the future.

### **3. Prayer**

By the admirable faithfulness and strength with which  
your Martyr Bishop Oscar Romero bore, first vicariously  
through the others and then in his own body, the horrible contempt  
of his own kind, in addition to the suffering of isolation and impotence  
to overcome the evil around him,  
I beg you humbly that in addition to the particular grace of this Novena,  
you may grant me to accept with my eyes fixed on you, my God,  
the sorrows and troubles of life. Amen.

### **4. Petition to Archbishop Romero:**

We ask for your intercession Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero,  
so that love, justice and peace would reign in our lives,  
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## **8vo. día. Meditación:**

### **1. Sign of the Cross**

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### **2. Words of Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero - Meditation:**

*I do not believe in death without resurrection.*

I have been frequently threatened with death.

I must tell you that, as a Christian,

I do not believe in death without resurrection:

if they kill me, I will be resurrected in the Salvadoran people.

I tell you without any boasting, with the greatest humility ...

### **3. Prayer**

By that pious devotion that your Martyr Bishop Oscar Romero always professed to the Blessed Virgin,

I ardently beseech you that besides the particular grace of this Novena, you may grant me to conduct myself, always and in everything,

as your loving son, in order to merit one day the joy

of being presented by Her in your Celestial Court,

to enjoy your company forever in Heaven. Amen

### **4. Petition to Archbishop Romero:**

We ask for your intercession Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero,

so that love, justice and peace would reign in our lives,

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*demonstrating a fervent love of your Church*

*and in her in a special way, the poor and the needy,*

*grant that we may know how to live according to the Gospel.*

*Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

## **9no. día. Meditación:**

### **1. Sign of the Cross**

*Begin with the preparatory prayer for each day.*

### **2. Words of Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero - Meditation:**

*Mary, image of the Church.*

Nobody has gotten so deep into the hearts of our people, like Mary. She, then, is also the image of a claim, of a Church that wants to be present with the light of the gospel, as God wants it, in the civilization of the peoples, in the social, economic, and political transformations.

### **3. Prayer**

By that fervent love that your Martyr Bishop Oscar Romero professed for the Holy Eucharist, as the nourishment of his soul in his Masses and Communions, and as the solace of his spirit in his fervent adorations before the Sacred Tabernacle, I beg you, in addition to the special grace of this Novena, grant me that may I grow more and more devoted to the Blessed Sacrament, and to prepare my heart every day to better receive it as to gain the maximum profit. Amen

### **4. Petition to Archbishop Romero:**

We ask for your intercession Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero, so that love, justice and peace would reign in our lives, in our families, in our country and in the whole world. So be it.

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## Prayer to Saint Óscar Arnulfo Romero

Oh! God, Merciful Father, that through the mediation of Jesus Christ,  
the intercession of the Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace;  
and the action of the Holy Spirit,  
you granted to San Oscar Arnulfo Romero the grace  
of being an exemplary Pastor to the service of the Church;  
and preferentially to the poor and the needy.

Grant me, oh Lord, that I may learn how to live  
according to the Gospel of your Son.

Grant me through intercession of Saint Óscar Arnulfo Romero  
the favor I ask (*ask for the favor*)... So be it.-

*Our Father, - Hail Mary, - Glory be.*



### Para recordar:

*El concejo  
de Derechos Humanos de la ONU,  
el 7 de julio de 2010,  
ha declarado el 24 de marzo  
como el "Día Internacional  
por el Derecho a la Verdad  
en relación a las Violaciones Graves  
de los Derechos Humanos  
y de la Dignidad de las Víctimas."*