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## Saint Marianne Cope



A Sister of St. Francis, Marianne was canonized Oct. 21, 2012. She is the first Franciscan woman from North America to be canonized, and only the 11th American saint. A woman of great valor, this beloved mother of outcasts, spent her early years in central New York where she served as a leader in the field of health care, education and of her own congregation. Responding to a call to care for the poor sick on the then Sandwich Islands, she devoted 35 years to caring for those afflicted with Hansen's disease on Kalaupapa, Molokai, Hawaii

### Prayer to Saint Marianne Cope

Lord Jesus, you who gave us your commandment of love of God and neighbor, and identified yourself in a special way with the most needy of your people, hear our prayer. Faithful to your teaching, St. Marianne Cope loved and served her neighbor, especially the most desolate outcast, giving herself generously and heroically for those afflicted by leprosy. She alleviated their physical and spiritual sufferings, thus helping them to accept their afflictions with patience. Her care and concern for others manifested the great love you have for us. Through her merits and intercession, grant us the Favor which we confidently ask of you so that the people of God, following the inspiration of her life and apostolate, may practise charity towards all according to your word and example. Amen.

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#### DAY 1

All glory and praise be to you, Lord God almighty!

St. Marianne led a group of sister/nurses to the Hawaiian Islands to care for the poor suffering souls afflicted with Hansen's disease (leprosy). In imitation of St. Marianne's self-sacrificing spirit, I ask for the grace to be more truly concerned with the welfare of others. Through the intercession of St. Marianne, I ask that the petition of this Novena be granted in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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#### DAY 2

We give praise and glorify you, Lord, God almighty for the life of St. Marianne. Responding to your call, St. Marianne was instrumental in founding schools for immigrants and hospitals to care for your people. In imitation of St. Marianne, I pray for the grace to increase my love for my neighbor. Through the intercession of St. Marianne, I ask that the petition of this Novena be granted in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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#### DAY 3

O God, your Son said, "What you did for the least of my people you did for me." St. Marianne established a home for women and young girls in Hawaii afflicted with Hansen's disease. She taught them to plant, and how to sew, helping them to make their lives more meaningful. Giver of life, we ask you in your goodness to bestow on us your grace to live a life of sacrifice as did your servant, St. Marianne. Through the intercession of St. Marianne, I ask that the petition of this Novena be granted in the name of Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

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#### DAY 4

My Lord and my God; my God and my All. St. Marianne said, "I do not think of reward. I am working for God and do so cheerfully." St. Marianne was truly a servant of servants living in exile for more than 30 years with those to whom she ministered in Kalaupapa. Help me to follow her example by not complaining of what little is asked of me. Through the intercession of St. Marianne, I ask that the petition of this Novena be granted in the name of Christ, our Lord.

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## DAY 5

Lord, our God, you said, "For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me.

I assure you, as often as you did it for one of my least brethren, you did it for me." St. Marianne heard these words and with deep compassion and charity for the suffering, she worked tirelessly serving those in need. May I too, serve others with compassion and charity. Through the intercession of St. Marianne, I ask that the petition of this Novena be granted in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## DAY 6

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. St. Marianne gave hospitality to Father Damien when his illness made him an unwelcome visitor to church and government leaders in Honolulu, Hawaii. St. Marianne responded to the pleas for help and said, "We will cheerfully accept the work." She and the sisters accepted the care of the exiled women and girls, while continuing the work of Father Damien on the peninsula on the island of Molokai. May I accept cheerfully the work that is mine to do. Through the intercession of St. Marianne, I ask that the petition of this Novena be granted in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## DAY 7

My Lord and my God; my God and my All. You honored St. Marianne as being blessed among your people. Help us to work diligently and prayerfully to be signs of your living presence. May we respond to the fullness of life to which we are called. Through the intercession of St. Marianne, I ask that the petition of this Novena be granted in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## DAY 8

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ. You called your servant, St. Marianne, to her heavenly reward. Awaken in us the ways that we can help those who are suffering and teach us to be grateful for having the opportunity to serve others. May all who die this day experience the fullness of life, and may we, too, one day share that life together with St. Marianne. Through the intercession of St. Marianne, I ask that the petition of this Novena be granted in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## DAY 9



Glory to you, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. The sick and the abandoned were in St. Marianne's heart and mind. Having no distinction as to a person's nationality, religion or color, she served those at Kalaupapa and made their lives more hopeful (hope filled) during their last years. She made it a time of peace and contentment for them. Teach us how to serve the outcasts of society and how to respect and accept their gifts. Through the intercession of St. Marianne, I ask that the petition of this Novena be granted in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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**St. Marianne Cope, the woman who received a piano from Robert Louis Stevenson**

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## Saint Marianne Cope:

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