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**STS. LOUIS AND ZELIE MARTIN**

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## Sts. Louis & Zélie Martin



Modern examples of a holy, happy marriage (parents of St. Thérèse of Lisieux). They lived a life of deep faith, daily prayer, and mutual support, and are patrons/models for married couples and parents.

The feast day for Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, parents of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, is celebrated on July 12, commemorating their wedding anniversary in 1858, and it recognizes them as the first married couple canonized together for their holy family life, showing that sainthood is attainable in ordinary daily duties.

## Prayer to Saint Louis Martin and Saint Célie Guérin

God, our Father, we thank you for giving us Louis Martin and Célie Guérin. In the unity and fidelity of their marriage, they offered us the testimony of an exemplary Christian life, fulfilling their daily tasks according to the spirit of the Gospel. Raising a large family, through trials, deaths, and suffering, they manifested their trust in you and generously accepted your will. Lord, make known to us your plans for them and grant me the grace I ask of you, in the hope that the father and mother of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus may one day be held up by the Church as an example to the families of our time. Amen.

## Prayer to Saints Louis and Zélie

Saints Louis and Zélie, you who in your life as a couple and as parents, gave witness to an exemplary Christian life, putting God first, by the exercise of your state duty and the practice of the Gospel virtues, we turn to you: Help us to have unshakeable trust in God and to abandon ourselves to His Will, as you did through the joys but also the trials, the mourning and the suffering with which your life has been marked. Help us to love God with all our heart, to persevere in our daily difficulties and to dwell in joy and hope that a living faith in Christ gives us. Intercede for us so that we obtain the graces we need today and every day of our lives. Amen.

Saints Louis and Zélie, pray for us.

## Louie & Zelie Martin (12 July): Populating Heaven with a Rose Garden of Saints

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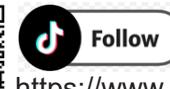


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## Prayer to Saints Louis and Zélie Martin

Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, after having had the desire for religious life, you heard the Lord's call to the vocation of marriage. You are the "parents without equal" of whom your daughter Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus speaks; the fortunate parents of Léonie, the Servant of God, Sister Françoise-Thérèse; of Marie, Pauline, and Céline, transplanted to Mount Carmel; and of the four children taken from your affection in their youth: Hélène, Joseph, Jean-Baptiste, and Mélanie-Thérèse. You gave all glory to God through your humble and patient work, your commitment to the poor, and your family life, where reigned the happiness of loving and being loved. You lived your daily life concretely through the joys and sorrows of your existence.

You love us as your own children, with the heart of a father and the heart of a mother, because you are the friends of God. Listen to our prayer and our request (state the request . . . ) and intercede for us with God the Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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## Ss. Louis & Zelie Martin (12 July): Sanctification in the Married State

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## Blessed Louis and Zelie Martin

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## Prayer of Spouses to Ss. Louis & Zelie Martin

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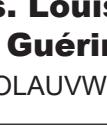
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## Prayer for Spouses to Sts. Louis Martin & Marie-Azélie Guérin

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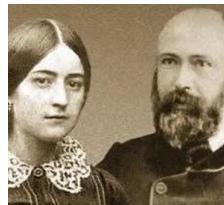
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## NOVENA TO STS.LOUIS AND ZELIE



### Saints Louis and Zelie Martin Novena – Day 1

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

Dear Lord, You have given us Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin as examples of holiness and fidelity in family life. Help us to follow their example of openness to Your will, that we might be as ready to

follow Your call as they were.

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

### Saints Louis and Zelie Martin Novena – Day 2

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

Dear Lord, You have given us Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin as examples of holiness and fidelity in family life. Help us to follow their example of holy and joyful family life, and to spread that spirit of joy and holiness throughout the world.

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

### Saints Louis and Zelie Martin Novena – Day 3

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

Dear Lord, You have given us Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin as examples of holiness and fidelity in family life. Help us to follow their example of virtue throughout the daily toils and works of life with our family members.

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

### Saints Louis and Zelie Martin Novena – Day 4

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

Dear Lord, You have given us Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin as examples of holiness and fidelity in family life. Help us to follow their example of virtue, to imitate the holiness they lived throughout the joys and struggles of parenthood.

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

### Saints Louis and Zelie Martin Novena – Day 5

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

Dear Lord, You have given us Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin as examples of holiness and fidelity in family life. Help us to follow their example of virtue, even in the moments of loss or deep sadness, when it might feel very difficult to stay faithful.

Please pray for me, that I may be as virtuous as you amidst the deep pains and trials I might experience in my own life.

Please also pray for (mention your intention here).

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

### Saints Louis and Zelie Martin Novena – Day 6

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

Dear Lord, You have given us Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin as

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examples of holiness and fidelity in family life. Help us to imitate the virtue they practiced that laid the foundation for all five of their daughters to enter religious life.

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

### Saints Louis and Zelie Martin Novena – Day 7

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

Dear Lord, You have given us Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin as examples of holiness and fidelity in family life. Help us to imitate their virtue in the small, mundane moments of daily life that laid the foundation for their daughter St. Therese's famous Little Way to holiness.

Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin, you knew that your daily life of work could become a means of holiness and sanctification. You yourselves practiced virtue in your daily work, and you raised your daughters to do the same.

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

### Saints Louis and Zelie Martin Novena – Day 8

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

Dear Lord, You have given us Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin as examples of holiness and fidelity in family life. Help us to imitate this holiness in our family lives in such a way that we help others around us to see how holy and important marriages and family are.

Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin, you knew that marriage and family are great gifts from God, for the individual and for society. You treated your spousal and familial responsibilities with seriousness, knowing that God had entrusted you with much in your family life. Because of your care and virtue, you were able to make your family a domestic church, as God intends.

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

### Saints Louis and Zelie Martin Novena – Day 9

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

Dear Lord, You have given us Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin as examples of holiness and fidelity in family life. Help us to imitate their virtue in the face of trials and heavy burdens, even when we feel as if those trials are too difficult to bear.

Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin, after you had already suffered much from the loss of four of your children, you suffered still more when Zelie developed breast cancer. Zelie endured much physical pain, and you both suffered in the knowledge that you would soon be separated from one another in her death. But you did not despair or harbor resentment toward God. Instead, you remained strong in your faith and continued in the path of virtue as spouses and parents.

Please also pray for (mention your intention here).

Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin, pray for us!

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



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