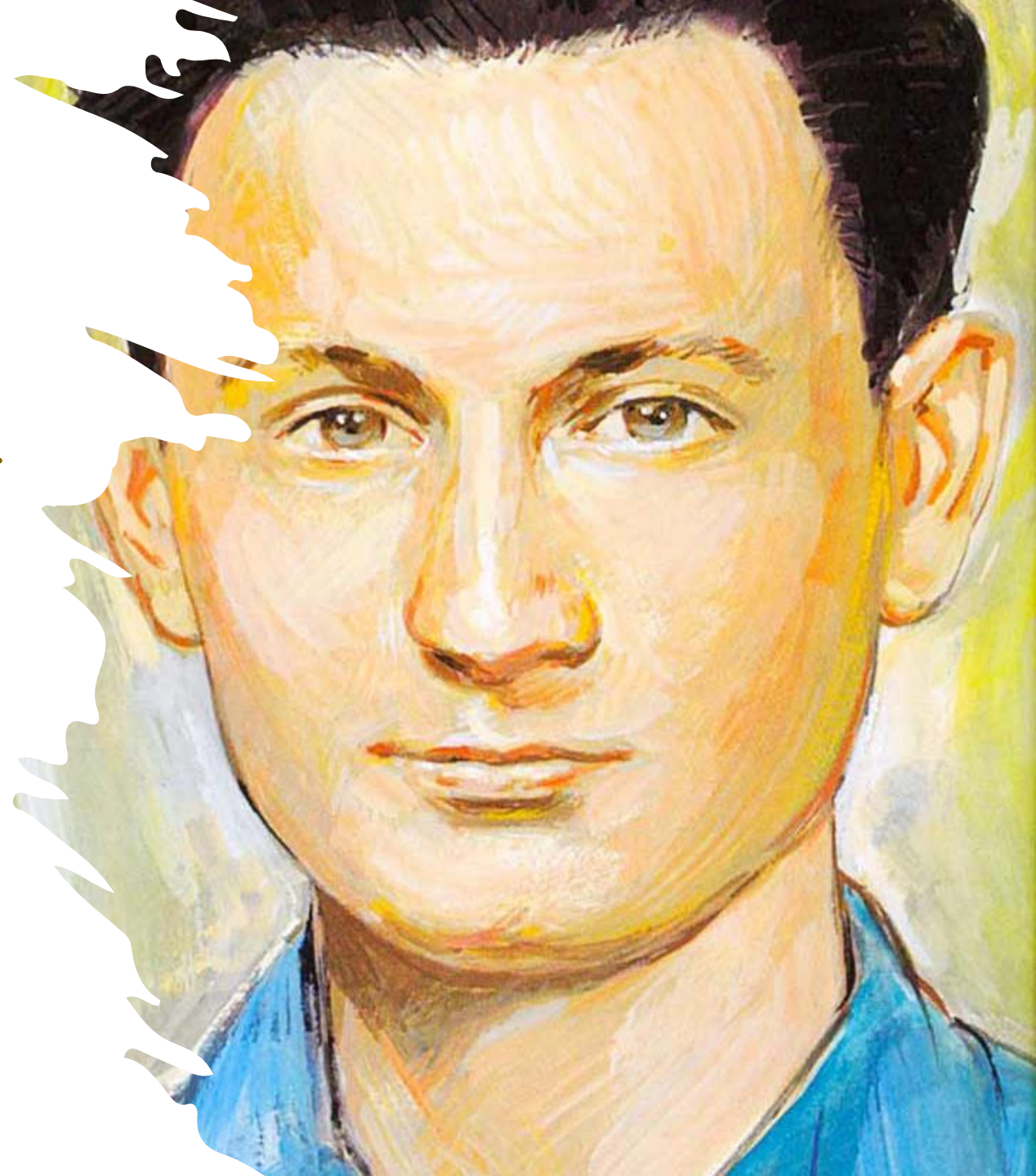


Novena

Through the intercession of
Blessed Stephen Sándor,
Salesian Brother, Martyr.

1914-1953



The novena

It is a prayer to be said for nine consecutive days.

The only condition for the validity of the novena is that it is done with commitment and without interruption.



Preparation

1. Keep a picture of Blessed Stephen Sándor in front of you.
2. Light a candle as a symbol of your faith.
3. Take a rosary or a crucifix in your hand.

Pray in this way through the intercession of Blessed Stephen Sándor.



During the days of the novena it is recommended to:

1. To Praise, bless and thank the Holy Trinity: God the Father for the gift of creation; God the Son for the gift of redemption; God the Holy Spirit for the gift of sanctification.
2. To forgive always and to everyone;
3. To live personal, family and community prayer with commitment and constancy.
4. To do works of charity.
5. To surrender oneself to God's will.



Invoking the Holy Spirit

1. Come, O Creator Spirit Blest
Come, O Creator Spirit blest,
And in our souls take up Thy rest;
Come, with Thy grace and heavenly aid,
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

2. Great Comforter, to Thee we cry;
O highest gift of God most high,
O Fount of life, O Fire of love,
And sweet anointing from above!

3. The sacred sevenfold grace is Thine,
Dread finger of the hand divine;
The promise of the Father Thou,
Who dost the tongue with power endow.



Invoking the Holy Spirit

4. Kindle our senses from above,
And make our hearts o'erflow with love;
With patience firm, and virtue high,
The weakness of our flesh supply

5. Far from us drive the foe we dread,
And grant us Thy true peace instead;
So shall we not, with Thee for guide,
Turn from the path of life aside

6. O may Thy grace on us bestow
The Father and the Son to know,
And evermore to hold confessed
Thyself of each the Spirit blest. Amen.



To discover the gift of vocation and its full growth

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parrocchiale, dove
riconobbe la sua
vocazione

O Father, who entrusts to our hands
the wonders of creation and the gifts of
grace,
make us, after the example of Blessed
Stephen Sándor
industrious and vigilant servants, that we
may make our talents fruitful in the
service of your Kingdom and for the
salvation of the young.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen!



Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be

30th May



For families

Son of God, who by your birth sanctified family life, and assumed membership in the human community, may we, following the example of Blessed Stephen Sándor, respectfully and obediently accept the wise counsel and teachings of our parents, teachers and guides, and may the faithfulness of Christian families strengthen our hope in the beauty of life.



Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be

31st May



For workers

O God, who called man to cooperate in your
creation by his work
to the design of your creation,
grant that through the example and intercession
of Blessed Stephen Sándor,
Salesian Brother,
we may be faithful to the tasks you entrust to us,
and defend with courage
the dignity of work and the rights of workers.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen!

DAY 3

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be

1st June



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For educators, catechists and teachers

Lord Jesus,
your servant, Blessed Stephen Sándor,
has spent his life with untiring zeal
as an evangeliser and catechist of young
people.

Through his intercession, may our work
awaken in young people the desire to follow
you and to be part of the Salesian Family.
You who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen!



Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be

2nd June



For the salvation of young people

O God, who chose Blessed Stephen
Sándor
for the Christian education of youth,
arouse in us the same apostolic zeal
to dedicate ourselves with love
to the human and Christian formation of
young people.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen!



Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be

3rd June



For ecclesial communities

O Father, for your glory and for the salvation
of the world
you have made Christ the high and eternal
priest,
grant to the people, whom you have ransomed
with your blood
to experience in their participation in the
memorial of your Son
the power of his cross and resurrection, which
the blessed Stephen Sándor bore witness to
the point of martyrdom.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen!



DAY 6

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be

4th June

For fidelity to the vocation

O Jesus, caring Shepherd of your people,
listen to the requests of your flock.

Grant that following the example
of your servant Blessed Stephen
Sándor
we may always find our joy in you
and persevere in our pilgrimage
towards eternal life.



Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be

5th June



For Salesian vocations

O Christ, healer of the wounds of life,
raise up holy vocations in your Church,
and through the intercession of St John Bosco and St Francis de Sales
and following the example of Blessed Stephen Sándor
may our Salesian vocation to youth
be strengthened.



Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be

6th June



For the canonisation of Blessed Stephen Sándor

O Almighty God, you have called Blessed Stephen Sándor to be part of the great family of St John Bosco.

You guided him, with Mary Help of Christians, in his difficult mission for the salvation of souls and in the sacrifice of his life for Hungarian youth.

He bore witness to you in the time of persecution of the Church; he promoted the Catholic press, service to the altar and the education of young people.

With the faithful and loyal spirit of Stephen Sándor also show us the way of goodness and justice.

We ask you to glorify him and grant us the grace we ask for through his intercession. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DAY 9

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be

7th June

