Novena in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

With selections each day from the *Nican Mopohua*.[1]

To be prayed from
December 3rd - 11th

Totus tuus, Maria!

[1] The *Nican Mopohua* was written between 1545-1547 by Antonio Valeriano, an indigenous man educated by the Franciscans. It recounts the story of the apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Saint Juan Diego. Although Valeriano's work is the earliest document attesting to the historical veracity of the apparitions, according to priest, historian, and Guadalupe expert, Mons. Eduardo Chavez, it holds second place to three other historical sources: the oral tradition told by Saint Juan Diego, the signs of the times, and Juan Diego's *tilma*. Nevertheless, since Valeriano was a contemporary of Saint Juan Diego, and most probably heard the visionary's story firsthand, his work remains invaluable to the history of Mexico and Our Lady of Guadalupe. The work is also unique among Mexican literature since it is written in the native Nahuatl language using the Latin alphabet. Portions of this text will be used each day of this novena so as to enrich the faithful's understanding of the miraculous story, learn from St. Juan Diego's example, and listen to Our Lady's sweet words (indicated by the blue text). At the beginning the faithful will find the corresponding paragraph numbers used from the original text. This novena is using the 2008 English translation of the *Nican Mopohua* published by the "Instituto Superior de Estudios Guadalupanos" (ISEG) and made accessible by the Knights of Columbus: https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/our-lady-of-guadalupe/nican-mopohua.pdf

TO BE PRAYED EVERYDAY OF THE NOVENA

Make the Sign of the Cross and Say:

THE ACT OF CONTRITION

O My God,

I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee
and I detest all of my sins because of Thy just punishment,
but most of all because I have offended Thee, My God
who are all good, and deserving of all my love.

I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace, to sin no more,
And to avoid the near occasion of sin.

Amen.

The Fifth Day

December 7th

Queen of Heaven

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Queen of Heaven, we ask for the grace that all bishops may keep watch over God's flock wisely, govern it justly, and shepherd it in holiness.

> *Nican Mopohua:* [Juan Diego] left [the bishop's residence] sad because the errand entrusted to him was not immediately accepted. Then he returned, at the end of the day, he went straight from there to the top of the little hill, and he arrived before Her, the Queen of Heaven: there exactly where she had appeared to him the fist time, she was waiting for him. As soon as he saw her, he prostrated himself before her, he threw himself to the ground, he said to her: "My Madam, my Lady, my Queen, my littlest Daughter, my little Girl, I went to where you sent me to carry out your venerable breath, your venerable word. Although I entered with difficulty to where the place where the Governing Priest is, I saw him, before him I placed your venerable breath, your venerable word, as you ordered me to do. He received me kindly and listened with attention, but, from the way he answered me, it's as if his heart didn't recognize it, he doesn't think it's true."[14]

Incarnate Lord, as You are the King of heaven and earth "by nature and by conquest", so Mary Your Mother is "the Queen of heaven and earth by grace". Increase Your grace within us, but especially increase it within the hearts and minds of our bishops. Throughout her apparitions at Tepeyac, Our Lady of Guadalupe placed great confidence in Your bishop, Fray Juan de Zumárraga to carry out God's will. And although there was a time when it seemed that he was deaf to her "venerable word", nevertheless his eyes were opened before the wonder of her venerable image. May Our Lady of Guadalupe, Your Mother and ours, come to the aid of God's flock once more. Through her powerful intercession as Queen of Heaven we ask you to direct anew the feet of all bishops towards the holiness of Your way; to open anew the eyes and ears of all bishops to the splendor of Your truth; and to embolden anew the hearts of all bishops to preach the Gospel of life.

Here pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be…

At the end of this prayer, the litany of Our Lady of Guadalupe is prayed (pg. 12) with the final prayer.

[14] *NM*, 46-51

Litany in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Based on the text of the *Nican Mopohua*

Lord have mercy	*Lord have mercy*
Christ have mercy	*Christ have mercy*
Lord have mercy	*Lord have mercy*
Christ hear us	*Christ hear us*
Christ graciously heart us	*Christ graciously hear us*
God the Father of Heaven	*Have mercy on us*
God the Son, Redeemer of the World	*Have mercy on us*
God the Holy Spirit	*Have mercy on us*
Holy Trinity, One God	*Have mercy on us*
Holy Mary of Guadalupe	*Pray for us*
Holy Mother of God	*Pray for us*
Mother of Our Savior Jesus Christ	*Pray for us*
Most Beloved Daughter	*Pray for us*
Precious Young Lady of Heaven	*Pray for us*
Queen of Heaven	*Pray for us*
Supplicant of a Sacred Little House	*Pray for us*
Ever Perfect Virgin	*Pray for us*
Merciful Perfect Virgin	*Pray for us*
Noble Lady	*Pray for us*
Majestic Lady	*Pray for us*
Kind Lady	*Pray for us*
Marvelous Lady	*Pray for us*
Fair Lady	*Pray for us*
Virgin Mother	*Pray for us*
Venerable Mother	*Pray for us*
Glorious Mother	*Pray for us*
Precious Mother	*Pray for us*
Ever-present Mother	*Pray for us*
Unfailing Mother	*Pray for us*
Merciful Mother of us all	*Pray for us*
Mother who takes care of all our needs	*Pray for us*
Mother who holds us in the hollow of her mantle	*Pray for us*
Mother who carries us safely in the crossing of her arms	*Pray for us*
Sentinel of Hope	*Pray for us*
Comforter of Troubled Hearts	*Pray for us*
Sower of Stouthearted Confidence	*Pray for us*
Fountain of our Joy	*Pray for us*
V. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world	R. *Spare us O Lord.*
V. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world	R. *Hear us O Lord.*
V. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world	R. *Have Mercy on us.*

Concluding Prayer

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, that in your apparitions on Mount Tepeyac you promised to show pity and compassion to all who, loving and trusting you, seek your help and protection. Accordingly, O Ever-present and Unfailing Mother, listen now to our supplications and grant us relief. We are full of hope that, relying on your help, nothing can trouble or affect us. As you have remained with us through your admirable image, so now obtain for us the graces we need. Amen.