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NOVENA IN HONOR OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ DE MANILA **FIRST FILIPINO SAINT**

ACT OF CONTRITION:

Lord, my God, You created me and You sent Your only Son to redeem me. I am truly sorry for having offended You.

My God, my Lord and my Father, Whom I adore above all things, I intend to make amends for all my sins and promise to approach the sacrament of penance as frequently as possible.

I hope for Your pardon and strength in honor of Your Holy Passion and sacrifice on the cross. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER:

O most merciful and almighty God, You bestowed as gift to Lorenzo Ruiz, the strength to withstand the overpowering forces of death for the sake of his faith in You. Through his prayers, help us to follow his example by overcoming all life's trials and eventually, increase our hope and love of You.

O San Lorenzo Ruiz, you brought honor to our country, having been a level-headed and prudent father of the family, a witness of Christ in your life until your death. We present all our petitions to God through your help so that by our actions, we may know and love Jesus our Lord and Savior more.

We humbly implore your intercession in this novena, for the infinite glory of God and in honor of your triumph as a martyr of Christ and defender of Christianity. (Mention your petitions)

SCRIPTURE TEXTS FOR REFLECTION:

First Day:	Romans 8: 35-39
Second Day:	John 15: 12-15
Third Day	John 15: 18-20
Fourth Day	Matthew 19: 16-21
Fifth Day	Luke 14: 25-27
Sixth Day	Luke 21: 12-19
Seventh Day	Book of Wisdom 3: 1-5
Eight Day	1 Peter 4: 12-15
Ninth Day	

Our Lord's Gospel according to St. Luke reminds us of the need for perseverance in order to attain salvation. Jesus said: "In those days, you will be hated and persecuted for my sake; and you will suffer and even die. Many will renounce their faith and there will be mutual hatred. They will also betray one another. False prophets will arise and they will be able to mislead many. Evil will spread, while the love of many will be tepid. But he who persevered shall be saved. The Good News will be preached throughout the world, and there will be talks about the Kingdom of God so that He may be known to all. Then the end will come."





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If we look closely into the life of San Lorenzo Ruiz, we will realize that he was not one of those who harbored hatred against others. He persevered in the acknowledgment of his faith. His death could be said to be a form of preaching the Good News of salvation. It behooves that as his devotees, we all follow in his footsteps so that we may likewise attain, through perseverance, eternal salvation.

AFTER THE READING – PAUSE FOR SILENT REFLECTION – REFLECT ON THE READINGS AND HOW SAN LORENZO RUIZ LIVED THESE READINGS IN HIS LIFE.

ACT OF SUPPLICATION

San Lorenzo Ruiz, you showed yourself to be a responsible father of your family; you chose to live in the midst of suffering. Look with gracious eyes upon all of us – members of God’s family – living in a world of chaos and violence.

R/ SAN LORENZO RUIZ, PRAY FOR US.

You had been loyal as a servant of the church by fulfilling your duties to God and neighbor; inspire us to be loyal to our commitments, too. R/

You had been a hardworking member of parish organizations; teach us to take an active part in parish activities and become worthy instruments of Christ in works of charity. R/

You had been firm in your faith in Christ and chose to die for His sake; help us to be brave and fearless defenders of Christianity. R/

PRAY ONE “OUR FATHER” IN HONOR OF THE HOLY PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

CONCLUDING PRAYER - HYMN TO SAN LORENZO RUIZ

Sa ‘yo, San Lorenzo Ruiz, ang bayan ay umaawit
Ng ‘sang magandang papuri na abot sa langit
Kami ay iyong turuang ang buhay ay ilaan
Sa lubos at ganap na pagtataya sa Diyos and Inang Bayan.

Yamang kami sa ‘yo’y di na iba
Kalahi nami’t kabalat
Iisang bansa ating pinagmulan
Perlas ng Silangan
Tulungan mo’t akayin mo
Kami sa tunay na kabanalan.

Sa ‘yo, bayani’t kawal ni Hesus
Atas Niya’y natupad
Sana kami’y laging maging tapat
Huwag nang masindak
Sa anumang karahasan
Ang kamatayan man ay maharap



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