

**Novena to the  
Venerable Elizabeth Bergeron**  
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**Day 1:**

***Elizabeth, woman of compassion***

Interiorization

Be very kind to your dear students, especially to the poorest and the less gifted (*Elizabeth*). She had compassion for human weakness; she reacted firmly when she witnessed a lack of charity; she was deeply saddened when she saw a lack of charity towards children (*Testimony*).

Prayer

God of all mercy, you who hate sin but love sinners, receive with kindness the pleas addressed to you through the intercession of Elizabeth Bergeron and make our hearts merciful and compassionate towards those stricken by poverty or suffering. We ask you this through Jesus who takes away the sins of the world (Jn, 1, 29) and through the Spirit of love and of forgiveness. Amen!

**Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...**

**Day 2:**

***Elizabeth, woman of simplicity***

Interiorization

Talk to the good Lord about this and He will take care of everything (*Elizabeth*). She was so simple and seemed to have no ulterior motives (*Testimony*).

Prayer

Unique and true God, you who love upright hearts, receive with kindness the pleas addressed to you through the intercession of Elizabeth Bergeron and keep us on the straight path of life. We ask you this through Jesus Friend of Children (Lk 9, 47) and through the Spirit, Inspiration of the Father. Amen!

**Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...**

**Day 3:**

***Elizabeth, woman of total giving***

Interiorization

"I am totally yours and everything I have I offer you, oh my most lovable Jesus" (*One of Elizabeth's favourite prayers*).

She made her choice when she was fourteen years old: she would consecrate her entire life to God in order to love him with an undivided heart (*Testimony*).

Prayer

God, you the Creator from whom comes total giving, receive with kindness the pleas addressed to you through the intercession of Elizabeth Bergeron and make our lives an unending act of thanksgiving. We ask you this through Jesus, Beloved Son of the Father (Mt 17, 5) and through the Spirit of surrender. Amen!

**Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...**

**Day 4:**

***Elizabeth, woman of hope***

Interiorization

I long to go and see the good Lord! (*Elizabeth*).

She often spoke about heaven. She surrendered to God and was serene when faced with death (*Testimony*).

Prayer

God Rock of our hope, you whose very name is a comfort to us, receive with kindness the pleas addressed to you through the intercession of Elizabeth Bergeron and comfort our hearts during times of testing and of illness. We ask you this through Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Life (Jn 14, 6) and through the Spirit, Source of Life. Amen!

**Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...**

**Day 5:**

***Elizabeth, woman of faith***

Interiorization

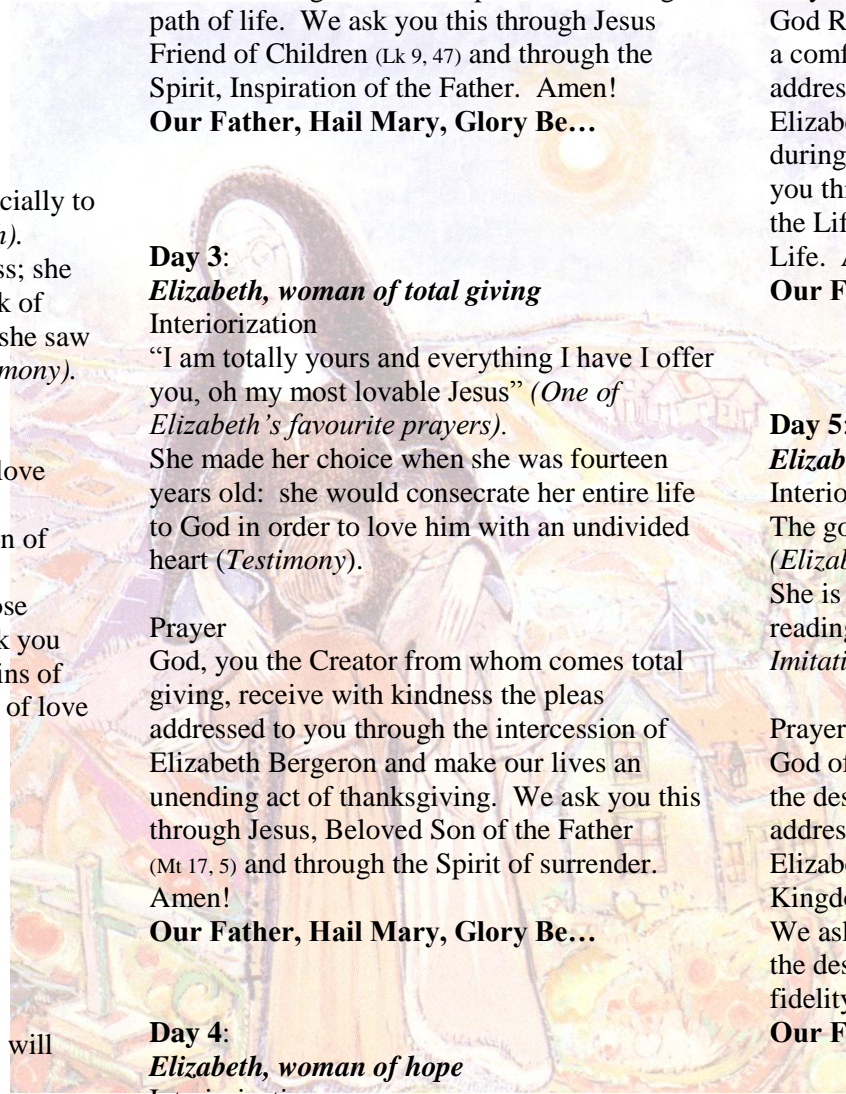
The good Lord loves us, he is our Father (*Elizabeth*).

She is a woman who nurtures her faith by reading the gospel, the lives of the saints and the *Imitation of Jesus Christ* (*Testimony*).

Prayer

God of our Fathers, you who led them through the desert, receive with kindness the pleas addressed to you through the intercession of Elizabeth Bergeron and lead us towards the Kingdom beyond our nights and our deserts. We ask you this through Jesus Friend tempted in the desert (Mt 4,1) and through his Spirit of fidelity. Amen!

**Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...**



**Day 6:**

***Elizabeth, woman of Christian charity***

Interiorization

Love, in God and for God, all the dear children to whom you must distribute the bread of instruction and of education (*Elizabeth*). Her community was founded for the human and spiritual welfare of others. (*Testimony*).

Prayer

God of Love who gave us Jesus, the fruit of your Love, receive with kindness the pleas addressed to you through the intercession of Elizabeth Bergeron and keep us faithful to the teachings that Jesus gave us in the gospels (Mk 4, 2). We ask this through Jesus who died and rose for the salvation of the world and through the Spirit of Pentecost. Amen!

**Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...**

**Day 7:**

***Elizabeth, woman of dedication***

Interiorization

I have received everything, I must give (*Elizabeth*).

Despite her poor health, she always kept herself busy; she never took a holiday (*Testimony*).

Prayer

God who is at work in the world, you who are continually recreating us, receive with kindness the pleas addressed to you through the intercession of Elizabeth Bergeron and make us aware of our unique place in the heart of the Father. We ask you this through Jesus acting with you in the world (Jn 5, 17) and through the Spirit of fruitfulness. Amen!

**Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...**

**Day 8:**

***Elizabeth, woman of serene joy***

Interiorization

Be still, we must trust in God (*Elizabeth*). On the face of the servant of God, people discovered meekness and serenity (*Testimony*).

Prayer

God of all joy, you who give flowers and dew, receive with kindness the pleas addressed to you through the intercession of Elizabeth Bergeron and give us eyes and hearts that are open to creation and to the wonders of the world. We ask this through Jesus, reflection of the Father (Jn 14, 9) and through the Spirit of freedom. Amen!

**Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...**

**Day 9:**

***Elizabeth, woman of humility***

Interiorization

Obedience founded on humility, this is what keeps religious life fervent and gives happiness to those who practise it (*Elizabeth*).

A woman of perfect charity, charity lived in the most total self-effacement, fleeing honours, choosing the meanest tasks (*Testimony*).

Prayer

Hidden God, you who act mysteriously in the depths of our hearts, receive with kindness the pleas addressed to you through the intercession of Elizabeth Bergeron and increase our faith in the effectiveness of your grace in the secret of our hearts. We ask this through Jesus, meek

and humble of heart (Mt 11, 29) through the Spirit groaning in the depths of our world. Amen!

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