

Novena to the Venerable Carlo Acutis

Opening prayer

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I thank you for all the grace and favours with which you enriched the soul of the Servant of God Carlo Acutis during his 15years on earth. Through the merits of this Angel of Youth, grant me the grace which I earnestly seek (ask for the grace which you seek.)

Day 1 meditation: *"Not me but God"*

Venerable Carlo Acutis, you who made your life a continual renunciation and setting aside of unimportant things, give me the grace to seek heavenly things and despise that which is transient. Amen

(Pray 5 Our Fathers, 5 Hail Mary's and 5 Glory be to the Father to give thanks to God for the grace granted to Carlo in the 15years of his earthly life.)

Day 2 meditation: *"Always to be united with Jesus, that is my life's programme."*

Venerable Carlo Acutis, you who have lived in the heart of Jesus, give me the grace to apply Jesus's plan of love to everything. Amen

(Pray 5 Our Fathers, 5 Hail Mary's and 5 Glory be to the Father to give thanks to God for the grace granted to Carlo in the 15years of his earthly life.)

Day 3. Meditation. *"Continuously ask your Guardian Angel for help. Your Guardian Angel has to become your best friend."*

Venerable Carlo Acutis, you who saw the company of Holy Angels while you were already in this world, give me the Grace to live righteously, as my Guardian Angel desires. Amen

(Pray 5 Our Fathers, 5 Hail Mary's and 5 Glory be to the Father to give thanks to God for the grace granted to Carlo in the 15years of his earthly life.)

Day 4 Meditation. "Our soul is like a hot-air balloon... If by chance, there is a mortal sin the soul falls to the ground. Confession is like the fire underneath the balloon enabling the soul to rise again. It is important to go to confession often."

Venerable Carlo Acutis, you who have lived this sacrament of reconciliation so well, give me the grace constantly to seek confession and the grace of a deep contrition.
Amen

(Pray 5 Our Fathers, 5 Hail Mary's and 5 Glory be to the Father to give thanks to God for the grace granted to Carlo in the 15years of his earthly life.)

Day 5 Meditation. "Sadness is looking at ourselves, happiness is looking towards God"

Venerable Carlo Acutis, you who have never looked away from your great love, Jesus, give me the grace also to live with this happiness in this world. Amen

(Pray 5 Our Fathers, 5 Hail Mary's and 5 Glory be to the Father to give thanks to God for the grace granted to Carlo in the 15years of his earthly life.)

Day 6 meditation. "The only thing we have to ask God for, in prayer, is the desire to be holy."

Venerable Carlo Acutis, you who have always asked God for what is essential, give me the grace of a deep desire for Heaven. Amen

(Pray 5 Our Fathers, 5 Hail Mary's and 5 Glory be to the Father to give thanks to God for the grace granted to Carlo in the 15years of his earthly life.)

Day 7 meditation. " The Virgin Mary is the only woman in my life."

Venerable Carlo Acutis, you who loved the Virgin Mary above all women, give me the grace to respond to her kind and good love. Amen

(Pray 5 Our Fathers, 5 Hail Mary's and 5 Glory be to the Father to give thanks to God for the grace granted to Carlo in the 15years of his earthly life.)

Day 8 meditation. "The Eucharist is my highway to Heaven"

Venerable Carlo Acutis, you who have always looked for your hidden Jesus in the Tabernacle, give me the grace of a deep fervour for the Eucharist. Amen

(Pray 5 Our Fathers, 5 Hail Mary's and 5 Glory be to the Father to give thanks to God for the grace granted to Carlo in the 15years of his earthly life.)

Day 9 mediation. "I am happy to die because I have lived my life without wasting a minute on those things which do not please God."

Venerable Carlo Acutis, give me that grace of graces- perseverance to the end and a saintly death. Amen

(Pray 5 Our Fathers, 5 Hail Mary's and 5 Glory be to the Father to give thanks to God for the grace granted to Carlo in the 15years of his earthly life.)

Final Prayer.

Almighty God, Father of Mercy, raise you Servant Carlo Acutis to the glory of the altars, so that through him you will be even more glorified. Give us the honour of calling him "Blessed" for he lived Your Will in all things. And through his merit, give me the grace that I so ardently desire. Amen