

## A Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

As we pray this novena, we ask for renewal in our Worldwide Marriage Encounter movement. We ask that couples will be moved by the Holy Spirit to come to the weekend; that they will experience its life-changing message and be led to live the radical lifestyle that is God's plan for husband and wife.

### Opening Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady of Guadalupe, mystical rose, intercede for the Church, protect the Holy Father, help all who invoke you in their necessities. Since you are the ever Virgin Mary and Mother of the true God, obtain for us from your most holy Son the Grace of a firm faith and sure hope amid the bitterness of life, as well as an ardent love and the precious gift of final perseverance. Amen.

### January 1 – Day 1

Opening Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

We pray that couples will take a realistic look at how they present themselves to others, that they will look at how their behaviors and self-doubts limit their relationships and that they will be willing to be led by your Spirit to make the changes they need to make in order to grow deeper in their marriage.

One "Our Father", three "Hail Mary's", one "Glory Be"

### January 2 – Day 2

Opening Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

We pray that couples will come to understand that love is more than a feeling; it is a decision, an act of will to accept the one they love, and to give all that they have for the other.

One "Our Father", three "Hail Mary's", one "Glory Be"

### January 3 – Day 3

Opening Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

We pray that couples will recognize that there is a difference between listening with the mind and listening with the heart; and that they will be able to set aside the barriers that have kept them from being truly open to "hearing" the heart of their spouse.

One "Our Father", three "Hail Mary's", one "Glory Be"

### January 4 – Day 4

Opening Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

We pray that couples will be aware of those areas in their relationship that have run deep beneath the surface; that they will feel a sense of urgency to explore the depths of their love and that they will be willing to embrace their spouses feelings in these areas, growing deeper in understanding and intimacy.

One "Our Father", three "Hail Mary's", one "Glory Be"

### **January 5 – Day 5**

Opening Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

We pray that couples will come to realize that their deepest longing can only be satisfied when they begin living an intimate and responsible lifestyle; totally committed to each other in a loving relationship.

One “Our Father”, three “Hail Mary’s”, one “Glory Be”

### **January 6 – Day 6**

Opening Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

We pray that couples will learn to trust in each other’s love and that in doing so they will overcome their individual fears and obstacles, becoming vulnerable to each other and growing deeper and more intimate in their relationship.

One “Our Father”, three “Hail Mary’s”, one “Glory Be”

### **January 7 – Day 7**

Opening Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

We pray that couples will see themselves and their families as “little Church”, living out the sacraments of our faith every day.

One “Our Father”, three “Hail Mary’s”, one “Glory Be”

### **January 8 – Day 8**

Opening Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

In a world filled with secular distractions, we pray that couples will recognize that their relationship is the foundation of their family and they will place their relationship first on the list of priorities.

One “Our Father”, three “Hail Mary’s”, one “Glory Be”

### **January 9 – Day 9**

Opening Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

We pray that couples will let the light of their love shine brightly in the darkness of this world and that they will be visible witnesses of Christ’s love for us.

One “Our Father”, three “Hail Mary’s”, one “Glory Be” or recite one full rosary on this final day of prayer

## **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Eucharistic Celebration**

**Sunday, January 10, 2010**

2:00 PM at Savior of the World Pastoral Center

12615 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, Kansas

(Reception following, families welcome)

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