

NOVENA TO ST. KEVIN OF GLENDALOUGH

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Opening Prayer (*To be prayed each day*):

O God, who called your servant St. Kevin to the solitude of Glendalough, making him a vessel of prayer, peace, and profound communion with You, we ask that through his intercession, we too may seek You in the stillness of our hearts and recognise Your presence in the beauty of Your creation. Grant us the grace to live lives of holiness, compassion, and unwavering faith.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Day 1: Call to Solitude

Scripture:

"Be still and know that I am God." — *Psalm 46:10*

Reflection:

St. Kevin sought the quiet of the wilderness not to escape the world, but to draw closer to God. His solitude was not a retreat from life but an invitation into deep communion, where he could hear God's voice more clearly.

Petition to St. Kevin:

St. Kevin, whose life of prayer and miracles brought healing to many, intercede for me. Protect me from harm and grant me health, that I may live my life in praise of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

O glorious St. Kevin, your great holiness and miraculous cures of the sick cause many to seek your intercession. Pray for me, compassionate St. Kevin and great soldier of God that I may be kept safe from harm, and enjoy a healthy life, forever praising the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I especially ask the favour of (*Here name your petition*), through Christ our Lord. Amen

Day 2: Love for Creation

Scripture:

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands." — *Psalm 19:1*

Reflection:

St. Kevin saw the hand of the Creator in every creature and in the beauty of nature. He lived in harmony with the world around him, treating all of creation with reverence as a reflection of God's majesty.

Petition:

St. Kevin, help us to love and care for creation, seeing in it the traces of our Creator's love. May we live in harmony with the earth, respecting its gifts and preserving its beauty for future generations.

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the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I especially ask the favour of (*Here name your petition*), through Christ our Lord. Amen

Day 3: Life of Prayer

Scripture:

"Pray without ceasing." — *1 Thessalonians 5:17*

Reflection:

Prayer was the heart of Kevin's life, his constant source of strength and solace. In prayer, he found clarity, peace, and a deeper connection with God. It was through prayer that he was able to persevere through the challenges of his vocation.

Petition:

St. Kevin, inspire us to make prayer the foundation of our daily lives. Help us to seek God's presence always, to live in constant communion with Him, and to find peace in the quiet moments of prayer.

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Day 4: Perseverance in Faith

Scripture:

"Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us." — *Hebrews 12:1*

Reflection:

St. Kevin's life was marked by perseverance. Despite the many trials, and temptations he faced, he remained steadfast in his faith, trusting in God's plan for him. His unwavering commitment to God's call is a model for us all.

Petition:

St. Kevin, when our faith is tested, strengthen us to persevere. May we remain hopeful, even in times of doubt, trusting in God's loving guidance and unwavering support.

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Day 5: Compassion for Others

Scripture:

"Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." — *Galatians 6:2*

Reflection:

Though St. Kevin lived in solitude, he was never indifferent to the needs of others. He

welcomed pilgrims and seekers, offering them wisdom, comfort, and care. His heart was full of compassion for those in need, and he saw in them the face of Christ.

Petition:

St. Kevin, teach us to be compassionate and open-hearted, reaching out to those in need, especially those who are forgotten or overlooked. Help us to be instruments of God's love and mercy in the world.

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Day 6: Simplicity of Life

Scripture:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." — *Matthew 5:3*

Reflection:

St. Kevin lived a simple life, free from worldly attachments and desires. He sought God, not in riches or comfort, but in the simplicity of a humble life, trusting that God would provide for all his needs. His simplicity allowed him to focus on what truly mattered: his relationship with God and his mission to serve others.

Petition:

St. Kevin, teach us the value of simplicity. Help us to let go of our attachments to material things and to seek the true riches found in the love of God. May our hearts be filled with gratitude for the simple blessings of life.

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Day 7: Courage in Solitude

Scripture:

"I will never leave you nor forsake you." — *Hebrews 13:5*

Reflection:

St. Kevin's solitude was not one of isolation, but of deep communion with God. In his quiet retreat, he found the courage to confront his fears and doubts, trusting that God's presence was always with him, even in the silence.

Petition:

St. Kevin, grant us the courage to embrace solitude, knowing that in our quiet moments, we are never truly alone. Help us to find peace in the stillness and strength in God's abiding presence.

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Day 8: Obedience to God's Will

Scripture:

"Here I am, Lord; I come to do Your will." — *Psalm 40:7–8*

Reflection:

St. Kevin followed God's call, even when it led him to the unknown and to places of suffering. His obedience to God's will was a testament to his trust in God's plan, and he teaches us that true joy and fulfillment come from surrendering to God's direction.

Petition:

St. Kevin, pray for us, that we may always be obedient to God's will, even when it is difficult or unclear. Help us to trust in God's perfect plan for our lives and to follow where He leads.

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Day 9: Witness to Holiness

Scripture:

"You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." — *Leviticus 19:2*

Reflection:

St. Kevin's life was a shining example of holiness. His deep faith, unwavering prayer, and compassion for others inspired countless souls to seek God more fervently. His legacy continues to draw pilgrims to Glendalough, where they encounter the presence of God in the very places where he lived.

Petition:

St. Kevin, may your life of holiness be a beacon for us. Help us to pursue lives of peace, holiness, and love, so that we may reflect God's light to the world around us.

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