

Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe for Children Who Died at Residential Schools

This novena is to be said at 2:15 every day for 9 days, in remembrance of the 215 children who died at Kamloops Residential School through illness or neglect and were buried in unmarked graves.

Day 1

Let us begin, In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Mystical Rose, you came in the form of an indigenous woman, to offer faith, hope and consolation to the oppressed native peoples of North America.

Mother Mary, you came to us carrying the child Jesus within your body, nurturing, and caring for Him. You care for all of us as your own children. We ask your intercession for the loss of these little ones in the residential schools.

We acknowledge the culpability of our Government and our Church, and we beg pardon for our part in creating a society that enabled this tragedy. We resolve to work towards a better world where a callous disregard for the lives of indigenous children is never allowed to happen again.

Amen

Reflection

Today we pray for all the children who lost their lives in the residential schools. Those who lay for many years, unmarked but not un-mourned. We cry to you, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and ask your intercession for their eternal rest and peace. Carry them to the throne of your Son, the Eternal King of Heaven.

Our Father

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Today we pray for all the girls who lost their lives in the residential schools. Those who never grew to womanhood, felt the bloom of first love or the quickening of motherhood in their wombs. We cry to you, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and ask your intercession for their eternal rest and peace. Carry them to the throne of your Son, the Eternal King of Heaven.

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Today we pray for all the boys who lost their lives in the residential schools. Those who never grew to manhood, felt the shy stirrings of first love, or the fierce protection of a father for his

family. We cry to you, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and ask your intercession for their eternal rest and peace. Carry them to the throne of your Son, the Eternal King of Heaven

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Today we pray for all the mothers who lost their children in the residential schools. Those whose children were taken from their arms and felt their loss every day. We cry to you, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and ask your intercession for their comfort and consolation and their eternal peace. Carry them to the throne of your Son, the Eternal King of Heaven.

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Today we pray for all the fathers who lost their children in the residential schools. Those who felt helpless to protect their children from harm, and unable to comfort those left behind. We cry to you, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and ask your intercession for their comfort and consolation and their eternal peace. Carry them to the throne of your Son, the Eternal King of Heaven.

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Today we pray for all the grandparents who lost their grandchildren in the residential schools. Those who saw the legacy of their family cut short and who lost the sweet solace of grandchildren to warm their old age. We cry to you, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and ask your intercession for their comfort and consolation and their eternal peace. Carry them to the throne of your Son, the Eternal King of Heaven.

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Today we pray for all First Nations people who have lost their land, their ways, their language, and most precious of all, their children. We cry to you, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and ask your intercession for their comfort and consolation and their eternal peace. Carry them to the throne of your Son, the Eternal King of Heaven.

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Today we pray for those who stood in positions of responsibility for the children in the residential schools. We pray that they may feel true repentance for any of their actions or inactions that enabled this loss. We cry to you, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and ask your intercession for the justice and the mercy of the Lord. Carry them to the throne of your Son, the Eternal King of Heaven.

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Today we pray for all people in Canada, that we may have compassion and understanding for each other and that we may all know our part in healing our nation of racism and hate. May we see each other truly as brothers and sisters and never turn a blind eye to the sufferings of others. We cry to you, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and ask your intercession for the justice and the mercy of the Lord. Carry us all to the throne of your Son, the Eternal King of Heaven.

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