## **NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS**

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O St. John of the Cross

You were endowed by our Lord with the spirit of self-denial and a love of the cross.

Obtain for us the grace to follow your example that we may come to the eternal vision of the glory of God.

O Saint of Christ's redeeming cross

the road of life is dark and long.

Teach us always to be resigned to God's holy will in all the circumstances of our lives and grant us the special favour which we now ask of thee (*mention your request*).

Above all, obtain for us the grace of final perseverance, a holy and happy death and everlasting life with you and all the saints in heaven.

Amen.

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