

Old St. Mary's Catholic Church
Archdiocesan Shrine for San Pedro Calungsod

A NOVENA TO
St. Pedro Calungsod

The Second Filipino Saint
& Patron Saint of the Youth



NOVENA

For each day, start with the **Opening Prayer**, then the **Prayer of the Day**, followed by the **Holy Rosary** and the **Closing Prayer**.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, we kneel before you in worship, praise, and thanksgiving for the infinite love you have shown us through your humble Incarnation, your bitter Passion, and your saving Death on the Cross. By your wounds we are healed, and by your death and Resurrection we are restored to new life.

Forgive us for not always returning love for your love. In your life, death, and Resurrection, you have shown us the way to the Father and called us to follow you.

The martyr San Pedro Calungsod followed in your footsteps with joyful faithfulness, even to the gift of his own life. Through his intercession, may we become living witnesses to your love through generous service, steadfast hope, and love of our neighbors.

After sharing in your redeeming Passion here on earth, may we also come to share in the joy of your glorious Resurrection and dwell forever in your loving presence, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

FIRST DAY - KNOWING THE FAITH

San Pedro Calungsod, we ask for your intercession for our young people, that they may come to know Jesus Christ more deeply, grow in love for his Gospel, and discover in the Catholic faith the hope and purpose for which they were created.

When you were only seventeen years old, you generously volunteered to serve as a missionary, assisting the Jesuit missionaries who proclaimed the Gospel in Guam. Your love for Christ was rooted in the faith you had received and continued to deepen throughout your life. Through your example, we pray for Pope Leo, for all priests and catechists, and for all who hand on the faith, that they may faithfully lead others to know Jesus Christ and joyfully embrace the Gospel. Amen.

Holy Rosary

Hail Holy Queen

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SECOND DAY – LIVING THE FAITH

San Pedro Calungsod, you took your faith seriously, living it not only in your heart, but in the way you spoke, served, and loved others each day. The Jesuit missionaries recognized your enthusiasm, generosity, and joy in your studies and in the humble service you rendered to the Church.

By your example, inspire us to live our faith with the same integrity and joy. Help our families, schools, and parishes become places where young people grow as missionary disciples, eager to serve Christ and to share his love with the world. We also pray for our civic leaders, that they may promote justice, uphold the dignity of every human person, and safeguard the fundamental right of all people to live according to their faith and conscience. Amen.

Holy Rosary

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THIRD DAY - PROCLAIMING THE FAITH

San Pedro Calungsod, the gift of faith that God gave you was never in vain. Filled with joy in the Gospel, you gladly left your beloved family and homeland to serve in the Mariana Mission, eager to make Jesus Christ known and loved.

O young missionary, obtain for us a share in your zeal for proclaiming the Gospel, so that through our words and the witness of our lives, others may come to know and believe in our Lord Jesus Christ. Inspire young people to use their gifts and talents in the service of the Church and the spread of the Gospel. Encourage those whom God is calling to the priesthood, religious life, or missionary service to respond with generous and faithful hearts. We also pray for missionaries throughout the world, that they may be strengthened in hope, sustained in charity, and bear abundant fruit for the Kingdom of God. Amen.

Holy Rosary

Hail Holy Queen

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FOURTH DAY – BEING POOR IN SPIRIT

San Pedro Calungsod, you embraced the poverty of spirit that Jesus proclaimed in the Beatitudes. Though you possessed many gifts, you did not place your trust in earthly comforts or possessions. Instead, you left your homeland and all that was familiar to serve God generously in the Mariana Mission, finding your true treasure in Christ.

We ask your intercession for our young people, that they may come to know the joy and freedom that flow from friendship with Jesus. Help us to trust in God's loving providence, to seek first his Kingdom, and to desire the lasting riches that come from lives of holiness and love. We pray especially for the sick, the poor, the oppressed, and all who are burdened by suffering. May we recognize Christ in them and generously offer them our compassion and assistance. Amen.

Holy Rosary

Hail Holy Queen

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FIFTH DAY - PROMOTING THE FAITH

San Pedro Calungsod, you were not afraid to follow Jesus, even when the path of discipleship demanded courage, sacrifice, and perseverance. United to Christ, you embraced the Cross with hope and love, trusting that God's grace would always be with you. Your faithful witness, though lived in only a few short years, continues to inspire countless people throughout the world.

Inspire us to promote the faith with the same generosity and joy. Teach us to trust in God's loving providence, to remain steadfast in times of trial, and to become instruments of his peace wherever we go. May our words and our lives draw others closer to Christ. We pray for the gift of God's peace in our hearts, in our homes, and among all nations, that all people may come to know the peace that Christ alone can give. Amen.

Holy Rosary
Hail Holy Queen
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SIXTH DAY – PRAYING ALWAYS

San Pedro Calungsod, faithful Missionary of Christ, remind us that the source of our strength is found in constant prayer and in trusting God's loving presence. Through prayer, you remained steadfast in faith and open to the grace that sustained you in every trial.

Teach us to pray with confidence in God's loving providence and to seek his will each day. May our time in prayer deepen our love for God, fill our hearts with peace and hope, and give us the courage to live the Gospel with generosity and joy. We pray especially for all families, that they may make time to pray together each day and, through their prayer, grow in love, unity, and faithfulness to the Gospel. Amen.

Holy Rosary

Hail Holy Queen

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SEVENTH DAY - BEING A TRUE FRIEND

San Pedro Calungsod, faithful friend of Blessed Diego Luis de San Vitores, you shared not only in his missionary work but also in his love for Christ. Teach us to be true friends who encourage one another in faith, rejoice in one another's gifts, and remain faithful through every season of life.

Help us to love others with the generous and selfless love of Jesus, who called his disciples friends and welcomed saints and sinners alike. May our friendships lead us ever closer to Christ, inspiring us to grow in holiness, compassion, and forgiveness. We pray for our friends and loved ones, for those who are lonely or abandoned, and for all young people, that they may be blessed with friendships that are life-giving, faithful, and rooted in God's love. Amen.

Holy Rosary

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EIGHTH DAY - LEAVING SIN BEHIND

San Pedro Calungsod, young and pure of heart, help us to recognize that sin draws us away from the loving friendship God desires to share with us and keeps us from becoming the people he created us to be.

Teach us to acknowledge our sins with humility and to trust in God's infinite mercy. Guide us to the regular celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation, where we encounter Christ's healing, forgiveness, and grace. Inspire us to turn away from sin each day and to grow in holiness through lives of love and service. With purified hearts, may we one day rejoice in the fullness of God's presence for all eternity. We pray especially for all who have wandered from the Lord, that they may experience the joy of conversion and the peace of God's forgiving love. Amen.

Holy Rosary

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NINTH DAY - DYING FOR THE FAITH

San Pedro Calungsod, after years of faithfully following Christ through humble service to God and your neighbor, you remained steadfast in faith and love, even to the gift of your own life. Through your faithful witness, you received the palm of martyrdom and the crown of eternal life, becoming a joyful sign of the victory of Christ over sin and death. Inspire us, especially the young, to give ourselves wholeheartedly to Jesus each day.

Teach us to find our strength in the Holy Eucharist, where Christ nourishes us with his own life and prepares us for the life that has no end. May we never be afraid to entrust ourselves to God's loving mercy, knowing that Jesus has conquered sin and death. When the hour of our death comes, remain close to us by your prayers, that we may pass peacefully into the eternal Kingdom prepared for those who love the Lord. We pray for all Christians who suffer persecution because of their faith, for those who are nearing the end of their earthly life, and for all the faithful departed, that they may rest forever in the peace of Christ. Amen.

Holy Rosary, Hail Holy Queen, Closing Prayer

CLOSING PRAYER

Almighty and ever-living God, graciously hear our prayers offered through the intercession of your holy martyr, San Pedro Calungsod. As you formed him into a joyful disciple and courageous witness of the Gospel, so also shape our hearts, that we may come to know Christ more deeply, live our faith with generosity, proclaim the Gospel with joy, and remain faithful to you all the days of our lives.

Bless your Church, strengthen our families, guide our young people, comfort all who suffer, and make us instruments of your peace. We thank you for the graces you have bestowed through the intercession of San Pedro Calungsod. May we one day join him and all the saints in the joy of your heavenly Kingdom. Amen.