

NOVENA PRAYERS OF THE DAY

(7) November 1st Prayer of thanksgiving for the hunt.

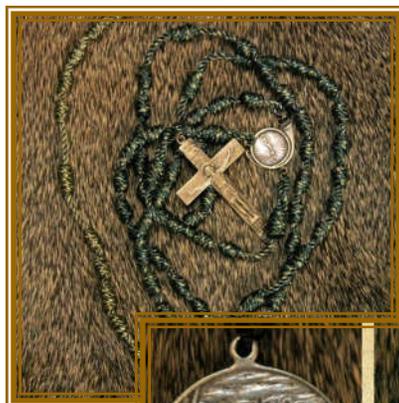
"Lord, I thank You for the opportunity to go out on the hunt. I thank You for the time alone to think and reflect on life. I thank You for the time with hunting friends, enjoying good fellowship, good stories, meals and drinks. Thank You for the beauty seen during the hunt and for the game taken and shared. I thank You especially for a safe hunt for myself and for all the hunters who share the field."

(8) November 2nd Prayer to share the fruit of the hunt.

"Lord, I am so blessed to be able to hunt and I appreciate the blessings You have bestowed upon me. Yet I know that so many others are in great need. Give me the grace to share the food of the hunt not only with my family and friends but also with those who have greater need: the hungry and the poor. May my sharing with them be one small part of my continuing care for your poor. As they ask You, Father, for their daily bread, use me as one small instrument to help provide it to them."

(9) November 3rd Prayer to hunt for souls, like St. Hubert.

"Lord, you spoke to St. Hubert and converted him to You during a stag hunt. You changed him into a hunter of souls, yet you continued to use his skills as a hunter to open minds to your Gospel. I ask that you make me into a hunter of souls above all other hunting activities. May I look for the opportunities to speak of You and Your salvation. Let the hunting camp itself be a place that uplifts the soul. May my time alone be an opportunity to pray and listen to You. May all the actions of the rest of my life be a constant hunt for You, for the opportunities you give me to evangelize, and to target the souls most in need of Your love."

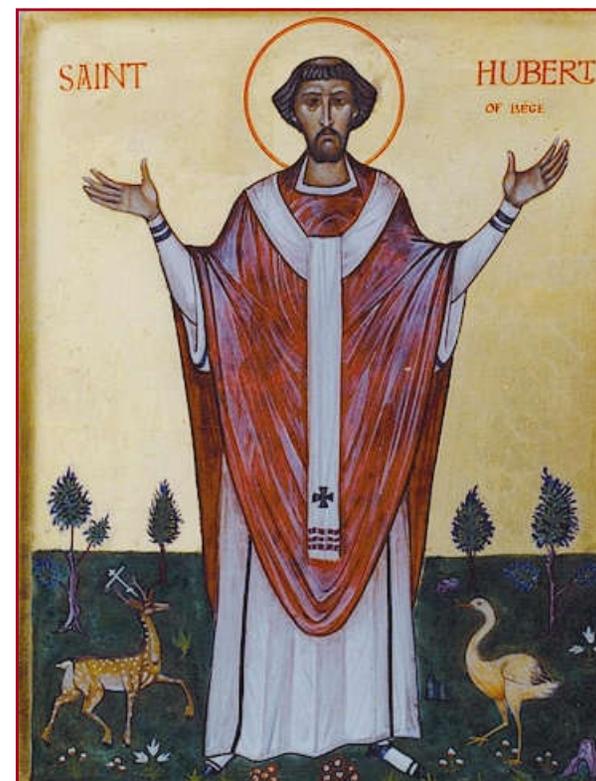


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OPENING RITE

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

NOVENA PRAYER

Let us Pray... *(Pray one of the nine novena prayers of the day)*

Through the intercession of St. Hubert, patron saint of hunters, I ask for the grace to fulfill this prayer, all for the greater glory of Christ our Lord. Amen. *(Said at the conclusion of the novena prayer.)*

CLOSING RITE

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us unto everlasting life. Amen.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Or if a priest is leading the Novena:)

By the intercession of St. Hubert, patron saint of hunters, may you always honor God the Creator, who set man in dominion over all the animals (Gen. 1:26)

May God make you an honorable hunter who respects fellow hunters and all creation;

May He keep safe you and all who share the field or the forest;

May He make all hunters proud of their kill, generous with their meat, and thankful in all circumstances.

May Almighty God bless you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.



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(1) October 26th Prayer to be an honorable hunter.

"I will always honor, thank and adore the Lord God who created the animals and saw that each species was good. I love the God who made human beings in His own image and likeness and set them over the whole world, to have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth. (Gen 1:26) By my honorable conduct as a hunter, I will give a good example and I will teach new hunters the same principles of honor, so that each new generation can show respect for God, other hunters and the animals, and enjoy the dignity of the hunt."

(2) October 27th Prayer for honest hunt.

"Lord, may I make an honest count of game, respecting the legal limits of game in order to preserve the balance of life and death among the animals. May I so love the truth that I always give an honest recounting of the hunting stories while keeping them interesting to my friends. May I also listen to my friends' stories with enjoyment and without envy."

(3) October 28th Prayer against selfishness.

"Lord, I pray for patience, prudence, and selflessness. I do not need to take every animal in the forest, nor must I take the best or nothing. I will seek the best, but accept what I get."

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(4) October 29th Prayer for conservation of natural resources.

"God has put all things under man's dominion. Let me take only the animals that need to be culled for the preservation of their species and the rest of the eco-system. Give me a respect for the animals which are shot. They are not to be mocked or made objects of ridicule. Although we take their lives, they are made by your hands. Let us remember that all life belongs to you."

(5) October 30th Prayer for safety during the hunt, especially for gun and bow safety.

"Lord, I pray for the good sense to care for my weapon and to carry it and fire it responsibly. I pray for the animals, that the shots are clean and do not cause unnecessary suffering to them."

(6) October 31st Prayer for a successful hunt.

"Lord, I pray that I may take down the game in as painless a way as possible. May I recognize my limits and take the shots I know I can make, not taking a shot that risks maiming or wounding an animal unnecessarily. I pray that what I take may be of genuine use, and in some way, be used to build your kingdom."

