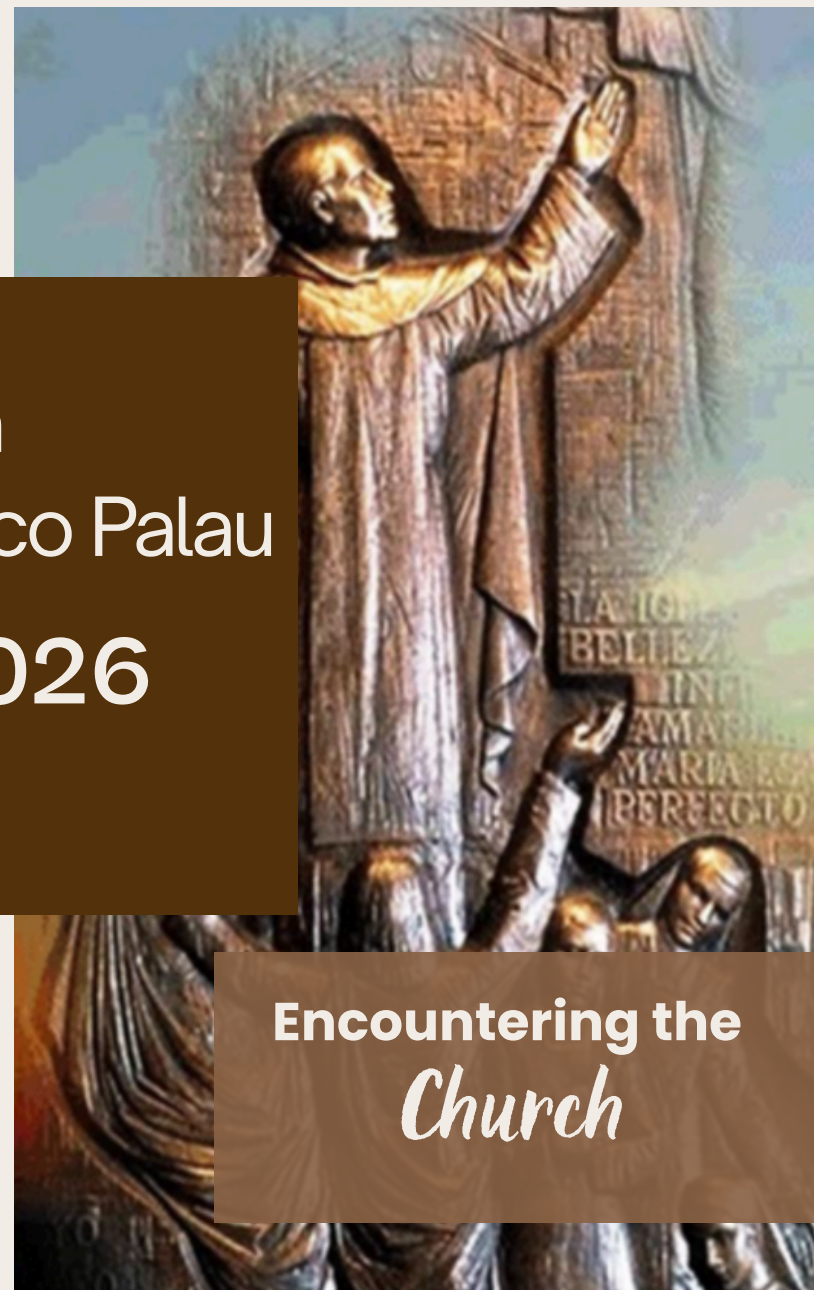


Almighty and merciful
God and Father,
we thank and bless you
for instilling in the heart of
Blessed Francisco Palau
a singular love for the Church,
the mystical Body of Christ,
by revealing to him her beauty
as illustrated in Mary,
and inspiring him to serve her
through prayer
and apostolic activity.
Grant us his prompt canonization
in the Church and
the special grace we are asking
through his intercession.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Novena Francisco Palau 2026

Encountering the
Church



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NOVENA IN PREPARATION FOR THE FEAST OF F. FRANCISCO PALAU NOVEMBER 2026

“Encountering the Church”



Introduction

A seeker of the Mystery of God by nature, on his spiritual journey Francisco Palau used all the means he could to seek and to find God, including prayer, reading the Word of God, the apostolate. Throughout his journey, the Virgin Mary helped and accompanied him. In this novena, we shall reflect upon the courageous spirit of Blessed Francisco Palau and upon his experience of encounter with the Church.

1. Encountering the Church

After twenty years of searching for his Beloved, the Holy Church, Father Palau finally saw her revealed to him. She had previously been hidden beneath the dark shadows of enigma, figures of speech, and metaphors, appearing to him only as an incomprehensible being. In this manner he beheld and he loved her, and thus began his dialogue of love with his Beloved.

Let us now listen to what Father Francisco Palau tells us:

Oh, what happiness is mine! At last I have found you. I love you, you know that. My life is the least I can offer to correspond to your love. The passion of love which devours me will find its nourishment in you, for you are as beautiful as God, you are infinitely lovable. My heart was created to love you; here it is, it is yours, it loves you. I love you, and you return my love: I know that you love me with a love that is pure and loyal, steadfast and unchanging. I am no longer my own, I am yours. Because I love you, do whatever you will with my life, my health, my rest, and all that I am and have.” MR III, 2

Intention of the day

Today let us pray in a special way that God grant us the grace to converse with our Beloved, as did Father Palau.

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be.

We pray for the canonization of Blessed Francisco Palau. (Check the back cover)

“The bond of love”



Introduction

In his tireless search for his Beloved, Father Francisco Palau leaves us the testimony of a man who never gave up. His weariness, resulting from the arduous search, led him to feel the need for silence and contemplation. This allowed him to experience the loving presence of his Beloved, bringing him both solace and the clarity needed to dispel all that was not her voice.

Let us now listen to what Father Francisco Palau tells us:

“The voice from heaven to the mountain silenced my pleas and calls to my Beloved. Yet my heart kept saying and repeating: Purest Virgin, fairest Virgin, my Beloved, you are all beautiful! You are ever pure and completely virgin. You are all mine, and I am all yours. Come, and let us renew our marriage covenant. I know who you are; your name matters little to me. By whatever name you are called, you are, O holy Church, the assembly of all the angels and saints under Christ, your Head. My beautiful one, pure dove”

Letter 2,10

“sweet Virgin, open your arms and receive into your bosom this wretched mortal who longs for you, who cannot live apart from you, who longs to see you face to face and unveiled! ... During this prayer, I heard a voice which was not true, saying: ‘Illusion! these ideas have no reality. Illusion!’ I answered: ‘Begone, Satan. My Beloved is a reality, and my union with her an accomplished fact. Spirit of darkness, be silent, depart, and return no more.”

MR. 1, 6 -7

Intention of the day

Today let us pray in a special way that God grant us the light we need to find what we seek in our lives.

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be.

We pray for the canonization of Blessed Francisco Palau. (Check the back cover)

3 “You will find everything in prayer”



Introduction

Prayer was the driving force of his life for Father Francisco Palau. In prayer he found inner peace and light on his journey toward God and neighbor. Prayer leads to true encounter, at both a personal and community level, as in tells us:



*«In prayer, in silence
and solitude, there
you must be alone
with your God»*

Letter 40, 2

Let us now listen to what Father Francisco Palau tells us:

*«When you have a good moment, a day when you feel inspired and moved, write to me separately and describe how you go about your prayer. What do you say to God? About what do you talk to each other? How and under what aspect do you see God? What is your response when your heart is stirred by love? What objects does your inner gaze seek, what does it feed upon, and with what nourishment do you sustain it? What do you hope for, what do you fear, what frightens you, what causes you sorrow, and what brings you joy?
You must answer me on these points»*

Letter 74,2

Intention of the day

Today let us pray in a special way that God grant us to find in prayer everything our hearts need.

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be.

We pray for the canonization of Blessed Francisco Palau. (Check the back cover)

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NOVENA IN PREPARATION FOR THE FEAST OF F. FRANCISCO PALAU NOVEMBER 2026

“To love and be loved”



Introduction

In his encounter with the Church, Francis both found himself and discovered the mystery of his vocation to love.

Let us now listen to what Father Francisco Palau tells us:

«When God created my heart, He breathed upon it, His breath was a law that drove it, and that law told me: 'Thou shalt love.' My heart was made by the hand of God to love and to be loved, and it lives only by love ... My heart, like a frail little boat, had unfurled its sails since childhood, and tossed by all the opposing winds, lacked direction. Oh, why did You not reveal Yourself then, Uncreated Beauty? I spent my childhood without knowing You»

Intention of the day

Today let us pray in a special way that God may grant us the grace to discover that we too have been created to love and be loved.

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be.

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To love and be loved



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NOVENA IN PREPARATION FOR THE FEAST OF F. FRANCISCO PALAU NOVEMBER 2026

“Surrender into God's hand”



Introduction

Father Francisco Palau teaches us to abandon ourselves into the hand of God. Like a good Father, God takes us by the hand and guides us where He wills. In the course of his life, Father Palau came to understand this attitude of trust, as he expressed in one of his letters: "How well cared for is the one who trusts in God!" (Letter 56, 2). So let us follow his example and allow God to take control of our life. Let us trust in Him, for He will never abandon us.

Let us now listen to what Father Francisco Palau tells us:

«I see one thing: that God takes me by the hand like a good father and leads me where He wants. Hence I will go where I do not know and where I would rather not go. God knows how ready I am to serve His Church, and that in matters of His glory, I find everything plain and easy...»

I tell you this so that you too may abandon yourself to His providence. How well cared for is the one who trusts in God! Engage yourself in prayer to acquire this trust, for you need it. This trust and confidence presuppose faith in His providence, and providence is the paternal care and solicitude God has for us. Let us allow God to take care of us, to govern us and to guide us. Such trust and confidence will shield us against the dreadful worries, anxieties and fears that assail us, springing from our own illusions»

Letter 56, 1-2

Intention of the day

Today let us pray in a special way that we may always allow ourselves to be led and guided by the hand of God.

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be.

We pray for the canonization of Blessed Francisco Palau. (Check the back cover)

Day 6 NOVENA IN PREPARATION FOR THE FEAST OF F. FRANCISCO PALAU NOVEMBER 2026

“Love for God and neighbor”



Introduction

Father Francisco Palau teaches us that love for God and neighbor is the essential driving force of the living of communion, that is, union with the Church who is God and humanity. Hence we are called to build bonds of love with our neighbors, thereby reflecting God's love in our midst.

Let us now listen to what Father Francisco Palau tells us:

«The love with which we love ourselves and our neighbour originates in the love of God, depends on it and proceeds from it... We love in ourselves that which God loves; and what God loves in us is making us into His image. We love ourselves with the same love with which God loves us, and with this same love we are commanded to love our neighbor, and how many things appear lovable to us...»

MM. 3, 2

Intention of the day

Today let us pray in a special way for those who are different from us and whom we find it difficult to love. Let us ask God to grant us the grace to draw closer to them.

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be.

Love for God and neighbor



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Day 7 NOVENA IN PREPARATION FOR THE FEAST OF F. FRANCISCO PALAU NOVEMBER 2026

“Mary, the perfect type and outstanding model of the Church”



Introduction

In referring to Mary as the perfect type of the Church, Francis presents her as the model that best represents the Church. He defines her as the perfect and outstanding figure of the holy Church, in whom we can see her virginity and motherhood reflected. The Virgin Mary was his inspiration as she embodied Christian virtues.

Let us now listen to what Father Francisco Palau tells us:

«Whatever is said of Mary about perfection, purity, and holiness, is fitting in a far more excellent and sublime way to be said of the Church. The virginity of Mary reveals to us that of the Church, just as her motherhood and purity do...»

... Mary is not only the most perfect type and figure possible of the Church for the one who unites himself with her, but she is also the most powerful mediatrix for this sacred union between the Church and her lover. By virtue of these titles, she ought to be invoked and turned to in our dealings with the Beloved.»

MR 11, 19-20

Intention of the day

Today let us pray in a special way that we may always contemplate in the Virgin Mary the perfect type and outstanding model of the Church.

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“The Word of God: daily bread”



Introduction

For Francis, the Word of God was not a mere addition to his spiritual life. In the Word he found both spiritual food and especially, a place of encounter with the Church.

Let us now listen to what Father Francisco Palau tells us:

«To believe in the Word of God is to hear Him with a clarity and certainty that increase in proportion to the depth of one's faith. The Word of God endures for ever, just as God Himself does; and what He has spoken has been heard and will be heard for all ages. To believe in the Word of God is to incline the ear of the soul and to pay attention in silence, listening to the Word ...

... When the soul believes the revealed Word of God, believing is listening to it; and if one listens, one hears, and if one hears, one understands. I am speaking of interior conversations in the way in which faith presents the divine Word to us»

MR 4, 9

Intention of the day

Today let us pray in a special way that the Word of God be always a source of wisdom and strength on our spiritual journey.

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be.

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“Love is deeds”



Introduction

Love was never idle in the life of Francis, the Church herself continually sent him forth, especially after his decisive encounter with her. The various apostolates he undertook were also experiences through which he loved and came to know the mystery of the Church of which he himself was a part.

Let us now listen to what Father Francisco Palau tells us:

«As I am a beauty such as your heart seeks and desires, my presence in the active intellect captures all the affections of your heart, and your love for me directs all your life and all your actions to my service»

MR 21,11

«Mírale en este cuerpo que es su Iglesia, llagado y crucificado, indigente, perseguido, despreciado y burlado. Y bajo esta consideración ofrécete a cuidarle y prestarle aquellos servicios que estén en tu mano»

Letter. 42, 2

Intention of the day

Oremos hoy de manera especial para que nuestros apostolados sean expresión de nuestro amor a la Iglesia.

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be.

We pray for the canonization of Blessed Francisco Palau. (Check the back cover)