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NOVENA PRAYER TO ST HEDWIG  
FOR DEBT, BAD BUSINESS  
AND OTHER MONEY PROBLEMS

NOVENA TO ST HEDWIG,  
PROTECTOR OF THE POOR  
AND THOSE IN DEBT  
FEAST DAY: OCTOBER 16TH

*(A novena – a prayer recited every day for nine days –  
may be made any time of the year)*



O St Hedwig, in this world you rejected the honours of the Court, its pomp, luxury and pleasures, and went to be with the poor to help them in the destitution and misery of life. There in Heaven, cast a kind look on us poor mortals, and obtain for us the grace (mention your request) and that of living in the peace and friendship of God. Amen.

V. Pray for us, St Hedwig!

R. So that we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

O God, You taught Blessed Hedwig to prefer, with all her heart, the humble road of Your Cross to the pomp of the world. Through her merits and example, grant that we may learn to reject the ephemeral delights of the world, and, embracing Your Cross, may we overcome the adversities to come. You who live and reign, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

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PRAYER TO ST HEDWIG  
PROTECTOR OF THOSE WITH  
MONEY PROBLEMS

ST HEDWIG INTERCEDES  
ESPECIALLY FOR THE POOR  
AND FOR THOSE WITH MONEY  
PROBLEMS (DEBT, BAD BUSINESS,  
UNPAID BILLS, PEOPLE OWE YOU,  
LOANS, BANK OVERDRAFTS,  
MORTGAGES ETC.)

PRAYER

You, St Hedwig, were, here on earth, the protector of the poor and marginalised, helper of those in debt. Now, you are in heaven where you enjoy the eternal reward of the charity you practised. Confidently I ask you to be my advocate to obtain from God the grace of *(mention your request)* and also the supreme grace of eternal salvation. Amen.

*Our Father..., Hail Mary...*



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# PRAYERS TO ST. HEDWIG

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Grant, we pray, almighty God, that the revered intercession of Saint Hedwig may bring us heavenly aid, just as her wonderful life is an example of humility for all. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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HEDWIG was born in 1174 in Bavaria, the daughter of the Duke of Croatia. She was the maternal aunt of St. Elizabeth of Hungary. She married Duke Henry of Silesia and raised seven children, with the boys being quite a handful. She outlived all but one of her children, Gertrude. Hedwig persuaded her husband to use her dowry to found a Cisterian monastery for nuns at Trebnitz. Their daughter Gertrude later became abbess of the monastery.

Hedwig led a life of piety and solicitude for the sick and poor, including their religious education. She lived a life of poverty and humility, despite her prominent position. Every day, even in winter, she would walk barefooted, so her feet were in bad shape. A story tells us her husband sent her a pair of shoes, insisting that she not be without them — so she kept them under her arm. After the death of her husband Hedwig completely renounced the world and entered the monastery of Trebnitz which she had founded.

She died on October 15, 1243 and is venerated as patroness of Poland. She is not to be confused with St. Hedwig, Queen of Poland (1371-1399), canonized by John Paul II. (Her feast day is February 28.)

Patron: Bavaria; brides; duchesses; death of children; marital problems; Silesia; victims of jealousy; widows.

Symbols: noble lady holding statue of Virgin and Child; noble lady holding a church (symbol of monastery); lady holding pair of shoes under arm.



### PRAYER TO ST. HEDWIG

Princess glorious Saint Hedwig, you abandoned wealth and luxury to serve the afflicted, obtain for us mercy of the Lord.

Miraculous saint Hedwig, savior of debt and homeless, full of love for the poor and abandoned, and compassion for the homeless and lacking housing, chosen for support and relief for the needy...

Oh Saint Hedwig you that you prayed without intermission pouring your heart and you have delivered the hardest sacrifices for devotion and love for Christ crucified and the Blessed Virgin Mary, have mercy on us and help us.

Saint Hedwig, example of charity, you who were blessed with great gifts by the will of God, and chosen by Him to do many miracles do not leave us alone and unattended, with confidence and hope we turn to you, we ask humbly and heart, turn your gaze to us in this distressing trance of unhappiness and misery, in this painful situation hopeless missing us and makes us the strength to find the way and the solution; asks the Lord to aid us with



His mercy, to help us with its huge and loving kindness, to keep us from evil with its protection, to multiply their favors upon us, especially in this moment of despair: (*ask for what you want to achieve*).

Saint Hedwig, sweet soul devoted to others, beg the Lord to be magnanimous with us to help us and grant, for your miraculous intercession, which we all need, the vast mercy help us see, and free us from the darkness of this world;

Urgent Relief beseech him to our needs, both spiritual and bodily and material, if it suits our eternal salvation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



### PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF ST. HEDWIG

O God, Who didst teach blessed Hedwig to renounce the pomps of this world, that, with her whole heart, he might follow the humble way of Thy cross: grant that, through her merits and example, we may learn to trample under foot the perishable delights of this world and by cleaving to Thy cross overcome whatsoever may be opposed to us. Who livest and reignest with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

