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Novena Prayer in Honor of Saint Anne

God Our Father,

The beauty and the order of your creation was willfully damaged by those who rejected your friendship. Undeterred by this ingratitude, your Son entered our world on a mission of mercy and healing. He walked among us as a diving physician seeking the lost and the strayed, curing the sick and the handicapped, mending broken hearts and restoring broken friendships, comforting the distressed and bringing peace of mind to the victims of sin. With the exception of sin, He too was the victim of suffering and anxiety. He knew fatigue and hunger and loneliness. In taking flesh and blood from the children of Eve, He honored Mary and Anne as Mother and Grandmother. From them, He inherited eyes that behold the ills of man and hands, which constantly reach out to bring healing to mind and body. In this Novena of prayer, dedicated to Saint Anne, the friend of the sick, we ask her intercession to strengthen our faith that miracles of healing may continue to testify that the compassionate Jesus still walks among us. We ask Him to bless us, today and forever.

Amen

In 1983, Bishop Boland authored this prayer for St. Anne Parish, Washington, D.C. Annually, the parish honored their patroness with a Novena. At the time he wrote this, Msgr. Boland was Chancellor and Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Washington, DC, and in residence at St. Anne Parish.