

## **Novena to St Philip Neri**

*Please pray for the establishment of the Brisbane Oratory*

O FAMOUS leader and loving Father, Saint Philip, be a true Father to us. Protect and govern always those who have been given to thee. Make us good and, being made good, reconcile us to God; and after this time of exile joyfully present us to the beloved Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour; may whose honour, praise and glory, unspeakable joy and perpetual bliss with the glorious Virgin Mary and the whole court of heavenly citizens remain without end forever and ever. **R. Amen.**

V. Fulfil thy words, O Father:

**R. Help us by thy prayers.**

V. Behold and come to thy vineyard:

**R. Which thy strong hand has planted.**

V. May the Holy Spirit inflame us with that fire:

**R. Which wonderfully penetrated the heart of Blessed Philip.**

V. Remember thy Congregation:

**R. Which thou hast possessed from the beginning.**

V. Grant, O Lord, that what we cannot achieve by our merits:

**R. We may gain by the patronage of Saint Philip.**

*Then is said three times:*

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.**

V. Holy Father, Saint Philip:

**R. Pray for us.**

Let us pray.

O GOD, who did marvellously penetrate the heart of Blessed Philip with the fire of thy love, grant that the same fire of the Holy Spirit may inflame us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who lives and reigns with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. **R. Amen.**