

NOVENA OF GRACE 2021

“Heal our Hearts for a Mission of Mercy”

An excerpt from
“The Miracle of Morning”

So on this meaningful morn,
we mourn and we mend.
Like light, we can't be broken,
even when we bend...

We ignite not in the light, but in lack thereof,
For it is in loss that we truly learn to love.
In this chaos, we will discover clarity.
In suffering, we must find solidarity.

For it's our grief that gives us our gratitude,
Shows us how to find hope, if we ever lose it.
So ensure that this ache wasn't endured in vain:
Do not ignore the pain. Give it purpose. Use it...

We'll observe how the burdens braved by humankind
Are also the moments that make us humans kind;
Let every dawn find us courageous, brought closer;
Heeding the light before the fight is over.
When this ends, we'll smile sweetly, finally seeing
In testing times, we became the best of beings.

—by Amanda Gorman



