

# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA NOVENA



## THE RESPONSORY OF ST. ANTHONY

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Unto your power, St. Anthony,  
Do error, death, calamity,  
And leprosy and demons yield;  
And at your prayer, the sick are healed.

The hungry seas forego their prey,  
The prisoner's cruel chains give way;  
For limbs restored, lost treasures found  
Both young and old your praises sound.

All dangers fade when you are near  
And want and hunger disappear  
Let those relate, who know it well,  
Let Padua of her patron tell.

All glory to the Father be  
And to the Son eternally  
Whom with the Spirit we adore,  
One God, who reigns forever more.

Pray for us, O holy St. Anthony.  
That we may be made worthy of the promises of  
Christ.

*Let us pray.*

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, in St. Anthony of Padua you gave your people an outstanding preacher and a patron in time of need. Grant that with his assistance we may be faithful to the Christian way of life and experience your support in all our troubles. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY

HOLY ST. ANTHONY, ♦ beloved friend of Jesus, ♦ I place myself in your heavenly care. ♦ Be with me, ♦ especially in life's troubles and difficulties. ♦ Intercede before the Lord for me, ♦ so that I may confidently know ♦ that I do not face my problems alone. ♦ I join my prayers to yours, O great Saint, ♦ as I bless and praise God ♦ for all the great love and grace ♦ he has poured out on me. ♦ Help me to seek his Kingdom ♦ before all else, ♦ and to love him and my neighbour ♦ in every word and deed. ♦ Pray to the Lord to give me ♦ consolation in times of sorrow, ♦ courage when I am afraid, ♦ healing from my ills ♦ and help in my needs (*mention your particular intention*). Obtain for me from God Most High, ♦ the grace to accept ♦ whatever is his holy will ♦ for me and my loved ones. ♦ Ask him to strengthen my trust and love ♦ so that I will never despair, ♦ but always live my Christian life ♦ with faith and hope ♦ in his healing presence and power ♦ and give this witness ♦ to all those I meet ♦ Amen.

## PRAYER FOR THE SICK

HOLY ST. ANTHONY, ♦ you have always helped those who invoked you. ♦ I fervently bring before you ♦ those who are sick, especially *N.* ♦ I beg you to obtain for them ♦ the gift of healing ♦ or to ease their pain. ♦ Help them to find ♦ peace and serenity of mind ♦ and the strength to offer those sufferings to the Lord ♦ in union with the Passion of Christ. ♦ Help me to follow your example, ♦ and be a source of support and encouragement ♦ to those who suffer, ♦ through my prayer, sacrifices and actions. ♦ In your earthly life, ♦ you were a friend of the suffering ♦ and supported them with your deep charity ♦ and your gift of miracles: ♦ be close to them now through your protection, ♦ console their hearts ♦ and ask the Lord ♦ to turn their physical and mental trials ♦ into a source of grace for eternal life. ♦ Amen.

## INTERCESSIONS

**T**RUSTING in the power of God, we turn to him through the intercession of St. Anthony:

**Hear us, Lord, through the prayers of St. Anthony.**

You gave the gift of healing and miracles to St. Anthony – grant comfort in pain, patience in suffering, and healing of body and soul to those suffering serious illnesses,

**Hear us, Lord, through the prayers of St. Anthony.**

You made St. Anthony a tireless worker in your service – give strength to health-workers, care-givers, chaplains and all who minister to the sick.

**Hear us, Lord, through the prayers of St. Anthony.**

You filled St. Anthony with wisdom – enlighten scientists and researchers who search for cures.

**Hear us, Lord, through the prayers of St. Anthony.**

You made St. Anthony a protector of your people – guide the decisions of leaders and those entrusted with the common good.

**Hear us, Lord, through the prayers of St. Anthony.**

You helped St. Anthony guide souls to holiness through preaching and the sacred ministry – inspire those who seek new ways to bring your Word and sacraments to your people in difficult times.

**Hear us, Lord, through the prayers of St. Anthony.**

You made St. Anthony a builder of peace and charity – comfort those who are facing financial difficulties, and all those who are anxious or afraid.

**Hear us, Lord, through the prayers of St. Anthony.**

You called Saint Anthony to follow the way of St. Francis – help us reject selfishness and care for our neighbours with humility and joy.

**Hear us, Lord, through the prayers of St. Anthony.**

You inspired St. Anthony by the witness of the martyrs – strengthen us to bear our daily difficulties and suffering in union with Christ.

**Hear us, Lord, through the prayers of St. Anthony.**

You gave St. Anthony the grace to hold Christ, as a child, in his arms – help us to reflect Christ's kindness, patience, forgiveness and love in our families.

**Hear us, Lord, through the prayers of St. Anthony.**

You made St. Anthony zealous for the unity of your Church – lead those who have ceased living their faith to rediscover your mercy, truth and beauty through these difficult times.

**Hear us, Lord, through the prayers of St. Anthony.**

You gave St. Anthony the grace to know, love and glorify the Virgin Mary – give us a trusting confidence in her motherly care in all our trials.

**Hear us, Lord, through the prayers of St. Anthony.**

You granted Saint Anthony to face death with a serene and joyful soul – give peace to the dying and eternal rest to the departed.

**Hear us, Lord, through the prayers of St. Anthony.**

Our Father, who art in heaven.....

### BLESSING

*The Motto of St. Anthony given by him to those who asked his help*

**T**HROUGH the holy ✠ Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ may every evil power be dispersed for he, the Lion of the tribe of Judah and the Root of David, is victorious over every other power, now and forever. **Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

**M**AY God free us from present ills through the intercession of St. Anthony, and turn our thoughts to the service of God and neighbor by the example of his holy way of life. **Amen.**

### HYMN TO ST. ANTHONY

Saint Anthony, we turn to you  
When troubles us befall  
Your miracles do doubting hearts  
To light of faith recall.

O gentle Saint, tell Christ our needs,  
His children too are we,  
O ask him now to grant our prayers,  
And we at peace shall be.

We would, O blessed Saint, with you  
The Holy Child adore,  
With grateful heart and joyful voice,  
Now and forevermore.