

SAINT ANTHONY NOVENA

Hymn: Great Saint Anthony

**How good it is, O glorious saint,
In these our troubled days,
To look upon your holy life,
Your kind and gentle ways.
How good it is in hour of need
To call upon your name,
And find compassion ever there
Your love always the same.**

**O wonderful Saint Anthony,
Before the Lord we pray:
Your life and faith inspire us now
To live the Gospel way.**

**To you through prayer and faith
Has made his precepts known.
His Gospel was your source of strength
In you his light has shown.
Good teacher, instrument of God,
Who spoke and lived his Word,
Call forth our weary souls to sing
The praises of our Lord.**

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Introduction

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Leader: Dear brothers and sisters: let us humbly beg Jesus Christ in His loving kindness to come before us, to bestow His peace upon us, to take away our sins, to dispel all doubt from our hearts, to impress on our minds belief in His Passion and Resurrection and to hear our humble prayers through the intercession of Saint Anthony.

Please sit.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Hymn: O Salutaris

**O Salutaris Hostia
Quae caeli pandis ostium:
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.**

**Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria. Amen.**

Visit to the Blessed Sacrament of St. Alphonsus de Liguori

All: My Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that You are really here in this Sacrament. Night and day You remain here compassionate and loving. You call, You wait for, You welcome everyone who comes to visit You. Unimportant though I am, I adore You. I thank You for all the wonderful graces You have given me. But I thank You especially for having given me yourself in this Sacrament, for having asked your own Mother to mother for me, for having called me here to talk to You. I am here before You today to do three things: to thank You for these precious gifts, to make up for all the disrespect that You receive in this Sacrament from those who offend You; to adore You everywhere in the world where You are present in this Sacrament, but are left abandoned and unloved.

My Jesus, I love You with all my heart. I know I have displeased You often in the past – I am sorry. With Your help I promise never to do it again. I am only a miserable sinner, but I consecrate myself to You completely. I give You my will, my love, my desires, everything I own. From now on do what You please with me. All I ask is that You love, me, that You keep me faithful to the end of my life. I ask for the grace to do Your will exactly as You want it. Amen.

Preparatory Prayer

All: O Lord Jesus Christ, true God and true Man, for Your sake alone and because we love You, we are most heartily sorry for having offended You; we firmly resolve, with the assistance of Your grace, never to offend You.

We are sorry for our sins, and will make due restitution, or repair any injury or damage we have caused. For love of You we also forgive those who have injured us. To You, O Lord, we offer up our life, our every thought, word and action, our comforts and sufferings in union with the merits of your bitter Passion and Death. We offer them together with the virtues and good works of Saint Anthony, Your beloved servant, in whose honor we keep this novena. Grant us your grace and hear our petitions through the intercession of Saint Anthony. Amen.

Novena Prayer

All: Saint Anthony, light of the Church, lover of souls, spiritual son of Saint Francis of Assisi, Anthony of Padua! Help us to have a true and solid devotion to you, and to imitate your life and work for God and souls. Hold before us the Book of books, Holy Scripture, the source of your wisdom. Be to us a teacher of the ways of God and the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Put into our hearts the flame of love, the fire of divine charity, that we may love our merciful Father in heaven; that Christ the King may reign in our hearts and purify them of all evil; that we may love our neighbor, that is, all men and women, as you taught. May the lily of chastity, your spirit of prayer, make us faithful to the promises of our baptism, of the single life, of marriage or as members of the clergy.

Be an apostle and teacher to us, that we may live with you the Gospel of Christ and grow with you in Him. Holy Teacher of the Gospel, O Blessed Anthony, pray that the spirit of the Gospel may reach the people of all nations beginning with ourselves. Pray that the spirit of Christian love and unity may fill the People of God, and bring all His children together again as one flock with one Shepherd. Amen.

Prayer for Our Intentions

All: O dear Saint Anthony, you are generally called the Saint of Padua, but you are worthy to be called the Saint of the World, because the whole world invokes you and praises you. Accept the poor homage of our devotion and receive us under your protection.

You, who so often held in your arms the Baby Jesus, through the miraculous vision, bring Him back into our hearts from which we have so often driven Him away by our sins. Obtain for us the grace necessary to keep him always in our hearts and especially the grace of perseverance. O Blessed Anthony, with firm hope we implore your aid. Obtain for us, we beseech you, our requests.

(Pause and silently mention your request.)

But if it should be opposed to the will of God and the welfare of our souls, obtain for us such other graces as shall be helpful to our salvation. Amen.

Leader: St. Anthony, whom the infant Jesus so much loved and honored,
All: **Grant us what we ask of you.**

Leader: St. Anthony, powerful in word and work,
All: **Grant us our petitions.**

Leader: St. Anthony, attentive to those who invoke you,
All: **Grant us the aid of your powerful intercession for the grace of holy purity, meekness and obedience.**

Leader: St. Anthony, pray for our priests, relatives, and benefactors
All: **And for all in authority in church and state.**

All sit.

Meditations for Each Week

Scripture Reading

Brief Homily

Hymn: The Miraculous Response

If then you ask for miracles,
Death, error, all calamities,
The leprosy and demons fly,
And health succeeds infirmities.
The sea obeys, and fetters break,
And lifeless limbs are all restored;
While treasures lost are found again
When young or old your aid implore.

All dangers vanish at your prayer,
And direst needs do quickly flee,
Let those who know your power proclaim—
Let Paduans say—these are of you.
The sea obeys, and fetters break,
And lifeless limbs are all restored;
While treasures lost are found again
When young or old your aid implore.

To Father, Son may glory be,
And Holy Spirit eternally.
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Litany of Saint Anthony

Leader: Lord, have mercy on us. All: **Lord, have mercy on us.**

Leader: Christ, have mercy on us. All: **Christ, have mercy on us.**

Leader: Lord, have mercy on us. All: **Lord, have mercy on us.**

Leader: Christ, hear us. All: **Christ, graciously hear us.**

Leader: God, the Father of heaven All: **have mercy on us.**

Leader: God, the Son, Redeemer of the world All: **have mercy on us.**

Leader: God, the Holy Ghost All: **have mercy on us.**

Leader: Holy Trinity, one God All: **have mercy on us.**

(Rx. **Pray for us.**)

Holy Mary, Virgin Immaculate, **pray for us.**

St. Francis of Assisi,

St. Anthony of Padua,

St. Anthony, great lover of God,

St. Anthony, most faithful follower of Christ,

St. Anthony, most zealous Apostle,

St. Anthony, martyr in desire,

St. Anthony, teacher of true wisdom,

St. Anthony, harbinger of grace,

St. Anthony, converter of sinners,

St. Anthony, extirpator of vices,

St. Anthony, guide of the erring,

St. Anthony, hammer of heretics,

St. Anthony, terror of demons,

St. Anthony, safety of the perishing,

St. Anthony, consoler of the afflicted,

St. Anthony, help of the unfortunate,

St. Anthony, father of the poor,

St. Anthony, refuge of the sick,

St. Anthony, restorer of all things lost,

St. Anthony, lily of virginity,

St. Anthony, model of the innocent,

St. Anthony, model of all virtues,

St. Anthony, powerful intercessor with God,

Leader: Be merciful, All: **Spare us, O Lord.**

Leader: Be merciful, All: **Graciously hear us, O Lord.**

(Rx. **Deliver us, O Lord.**)

From all evil, **deliver us, O Lord.**

From all sin,

From the lust of the eyes,

From the lust of the flesh,

From the pride of life,

By the merits and intercession of St. Anthony,

By his angelic purity,

By his sanctity and glory,

Leader: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, All: **Spare us, O Lord.**

Leader: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, All: **Graciously hear us, O Lord.**

Leader: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, All: **Have mercy on us, O Lord.**

Leader: Christ, hear us. All: **Christ, graciously hear us.**

Leader: Lord, have mercy on us. All: **Lord, have mercy on us.**

Leader: Christ, have mercy on us. All: **Christ, have mercy on us.**

Leader: Pray for us, St. Anthony, All: **That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Leader: Let us pray: O God, who deigned to choose St. Anthony as a model of all virtues for the blessings of mankind, and converted many souls through his sermons and good example, grant that, on account of his merits and intercessions, we may be truly converted, renounce all sins and sinful desires, and become more and more pleasing to You by the practice of true virtue, Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

Hymn: Tantum Ergo

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Præstet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et iubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio.
Amen.

Priest/Deacon: You have given them Bread from heaven (P.T. Alleluia)
All: **Having all sweetness within it (P.T. Alleluia)**

Priest/Deacon: Let us pray. O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Divine Praises

Blessed be God.
Blessed be his holy name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.
Blessed be the name of Jesus.
Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be his most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the most holy sacrament of the altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, virgin and Mother.
Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints. Amen.

Hymn: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

**Holy God, we praise thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee;
All on earth they scepter claim;
All in heaven above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign!
Infinite thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign!**

**Hark, the loud celestial hymn;
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy, Lord!"
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy, Lord!"**

Veneration of the relic of St. Anthony

(During the pandemic, the presider will venerate the relic himself and will hold the relic in view of the participants at home for a brief moment. You are invited to venerate the relic by bowing your head or making a slight bow.)

