



Bl. John Paul II Novena

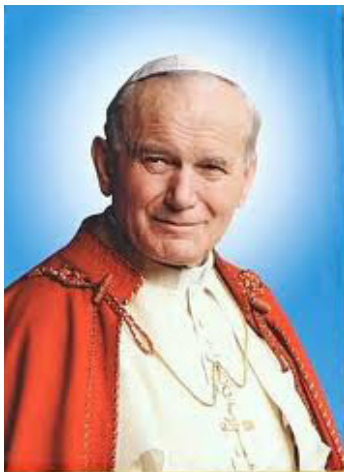
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Dear Friends and Benefactors of the Fr. Justin Rosary Hour, Praised be Jesus Christ!

We invite you to join the “Rosary Hour” in a new and very special Novena. **We will pray and sacrifice with Bl. John Paul II from February 3rd through 11th, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick.** Why we chose these days for this novena? As you know, the World Day of the Sick was instituted by John Paul II on May 13, 1992 in 75th anniversary of the apparitions of Fatima and the 11th anniversary of the attack on his life. Establishment of this day was addressed to the universal Church as “a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one’s suffering”. This year we will celebrate this day for the twentieth time.

During the beatification of John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI said: “His example of prayer continually impressed and edified me: he remained deeply united to God even amid the many demands of his ministry. Then too, there was his witness in suffering: the Lord gradually stripped him of everything, yet he remained ever a “rock”, as Christ desired. His profound humility, ground in close union with Christ, enabled him to continue to lead the Church and to give to the world a message which became all the more eloquent as his physical strength declined”. Next Benedict XVI said: “Our grief at his loss was deep, but even greater was our sense of an immense grace which embraced Rome and the whole world: a grace which was in some way the fruit of my beloved predecessor’s entire life, and especially of his witness in suffering. Even then we perceived the fragrance of his sanctity, and in any number of ways God’s People showed their veneration for him”.



“We can be sure that our beloved pope is standing today at the window of the Father’s house, that he sees us and blesses us” – Cardinal Ratzinger said during the funeral of Pope John Paul II, . **We already know that we have close and dear INTERCESSOR AND PATRON IN HEAVEN. We are aware that now everyone, even those of us who never had met him personally during his life, can entrust to him our concerns and ask for intercession and care, because now he is even closer to God and even closer to us.**

Let us confide to Bl. John Paul II our problems - the great as well as the small and take part in this novena. He would like to give relief to our sufferings; He desires to intercede to God for us, whatever the need, waiting for a return to health, longing for peace of heart and mind, asking for courage, needing trust in God, desiring to made a sincere confession or any other need for help. **Send us your intentions which can be written on the card inclosed with this letter. We will place them before the image of Bl. John Paul II.** The Franciscan Friars will be praying and celebrating Holy Masses for all the intentions on each day of the Novena. Together with those spiritually united with our entire Rosary Hour Family we will ask Bl. John Paul II with great humility to consider our weakness and obtain for us the grace that God, in His great mercy, hear the needs we entrust with confidence to Bl. Jahn Paul II’s intercession. **On the occasion of this Novena we ask for your financial assistance for our apostolate, which is maintained exclusively by the offerings of its benefactors. Without your assistance today it would be very difficult to fulfill the mission of preaching the Word of God by the friars at the Rosary Hour.**

Let Bl. John Paul II together with, the Mother of God, which gave himself completely, intercede for you in Christ Jesus.

With prayer and gratitude,

Fr. Marcel Sokalski with the *Rosary Hour* community

PS. As a token of our gratitude for your participating in this novena, we will send you a **Litany to Bl. John Paul II**. We encourage you to pray it with us.