

Novena to St. John Paul II Fr. Justin Rosary Hour 12290 Folly Quarter Rd • Ellicott City, MD 21042

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

For the tenth time, we invite you to join an incredibly special Novena to St. John Paul II. From Feb. 3rd through the 11th, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick, the Franciscans in spiritual union with *the Rosary Hour* and *the Companions of St. Anthony* will pray and sacrifice with St. John Paul II.

St. John Paul II reminds us, that the power of Christ's cross and resurrection is greater than any evil in the world.

We remember the words of John Paul II at the beginning of his pontificate:

"DO NOT BE AFRAID. OPEN WIDE THE DOORS FOR CHRIST". It was a call to all people. With no exception. A call to overcome fears that paralyze us spiritually and deprive us of hope. How timely these words are today, after 44 years in a world of so much turmoil (confusion), so many crises and so many deadly threats, such as new viruses, which often cause deadly diseases. How timely they are also in the life of the Church of our time. So, "Do not be afraid!". Why should we not be afraid? Who can overcome our fear? Pope John Paul II himself indicated that we should not be afraid because man has been redeemed by God. This is the most important truth and foundation of our Christian hope.

So let us all, open the door for Christ and encourage others to do so, and the world will become a better place.

The 29th World Day of the Sick is ahead of us. Many of you are sick and suffering. There are such people among you. As we know, most of all, St. John Paul II entrusted everyone, who suffers, to the most loving Mother, Our Lady, Health of the Sick. He begged Her to hear the prayers that rise to heaven from the world of suffering; to dry the tears of those in pain, to stand beside those who are alone in their illness....

We believe that St. John Paul II looks at us from the Father's House, he blesses us and intercedes to God for us. He is a close and dear INTERCESSOR and PATRON in HEAV-EN. Entrust your concerns to Him and ask for his intercession and care, because he is close to God and close to us.

Let us confide to St. 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, and for our intentions. Therefore, <u>write your intentions on the sheet attached to this letter</u> and send it to the Franciscans today.

The Franciscan Friars will be PRAYING and CELEBRATING HOLY MASSES for the sick and suffering in body or spirit, and in all your intentions on each day of the Novena. Together with those spiritually united with our entire *Rosary Hour Family* and *the Companions of St. Anthony* they will ask St. John Paul II to obtain for us the graces that God, in His great mercy, hear the needs we entrust with confidence to St. John Paul II's intercession.

Your prayerful and material HELP is especially important! Therefore, on the occasion of this Novena, the Franciscans ask for your financial support. Without your assistance today it would be extremely difficult to fulfill the mission of preaching the Word of God.

May St. John Paul II together with, the Mother of God, our most loving Mother, who gave himself totally, intercede for you to God.

With prayer and gratitude,

Br. Daniel, OFM Conv.

Br. Daniel Geary with the Fr Justin Rosary Hour community

and the Companions of St. Anthony

PS. As a "thank you" for taking part in this Novena we will send you a *Litany to St. John Paul II* and *Prayer for the Sick*.

