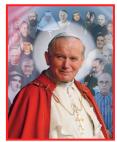


## Dear Devotees of St. John Paul II, Friends, Benefactors and Supporters of the Fr. Justin Rosary Hour, Praised be Jesus Christ!

At the beginning of 2023, we invite you to join on the first consecutive Novena to St. John



**Paul II.** With St. John Paul II, the Franciscans in spiritual union with the entire family of *the Rosary Hour* and *the Companions of St. Anthony* will pray and sacrifice from February 3rd through the 11th, World Day of the Sick and the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

"O Mary, Mother of Mercy, watch over all people, that the Cross of Christ may not be emptied of its power, that man may not stray from the path of the good or become blind to sin, but may put his hope ever more fully in <u>God who is</u> <u>rich in mercy</u> (Eph 2:4). May he carry out the good works prepared by God beforehand (cf. Eph 2:10) and so live completely for the praise of his glory (Eph

1:12)". This is how John Paul II prayed, a man of deep prayer, who in conversation with God lived every day, every event, every challenge that life presented to him. We remember the Holy Father as a man who loved being close to people and was in constant contact with God. He knew that the modern world needs prayer. We also encourage you to pray. Please join the novena.

The 31st 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 blesses us and intercedes to God for us. He is a close and dear INTERCESSOR and PATRON in HEAVEN. Entrust your concerns to Him and ask for his intercession and protection, 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 join 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 and send it to the Franciscans today.</u>

The Franciscan will be PRAYING and CELEBRATING HOLY MASSES for the sick and suffering in body or spirit, and 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 Mary, 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** – If you would like to receive a brochure with *Litany to St. John Paul II and Prayer for the Sick* write to us or mark it on the return card. At your request, we would be happy to send it to you.

When you send your intentions **REMEMBER to write YOUR NAME and ADDRESS**.