



Novena to St. John Paul II
Fr. Justin Rosary Hour
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*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 2024, we invite you to join on **Novena to St. John Paul II**. With St. John Paul II, the Franciscans in spiritual union with the entire family of the *Rosary Hour* will pray and sacrifice from February 3rd through the 11th, 32nd World Day of the Sick and the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

St John Paul II understood the world in which he lived. He knew that **the world needs prayer**. He noticed that wherever anyone prays in the world, the Holy Spirit is there. **He was a man of prayer**. It was prayer that expressed and revealed his relationship with God. The intense and deep life of prayer included various forms of conversation with God: from *the simplest prayer of a child* to the *priest's breviary prayer* and even contemplation. He was faithful to such prayer practices as *daily meditation, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the rosary, the Angelus, Litanies to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Our Lady and the Saints*. He never shortened or rushed them. He gave priority to talking to God over other activities. To be on your knees before God is, first of all, to be on your knees before Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Therefore, the Holy Mass was the most important and sacred matter for John Paul II. It was the center of his life and the center of every day. He did not divide his life into prayer and activities. He praised the Lord not only with his voice, but also with work, rest in the mountains, meeting another person, celebrating the liturgy, and traveling. His life was a prayer.



Many of you are sick and suffering. As we know 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....

Saint John Paul II loved being close to people and was in continuous contact with God. We believe that He 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.

Please join the NOVENA as soon as possible and confide your problems to St. John Paul II – the great as well as the small. The Franciscan Friars 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 9-day Novena. 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 his intercession.

Write your intentions on the attached sheet and send it to the Franciscans today.

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, to whom he 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.**

