

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

## <sup>†</sup> 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 a special year for the Church, the Jubilee Year, we invite you to join

in the 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, the 33rd World Day of the Sick and the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

The world today needs prayer. We must know that wherever someone prays, the Holy Spirit is with him. Let us be a people of prayer, humbly depending on our Lord, as St. John Paul II taught us. Let our prayer express our unique bond with God.

St. John Paul II often repeated: "When you pray, you must realize that prayer is not just asking God for something or seeking special help, even if the prayers of petition are true prayers. Prayer should also be characterized by thanksgiving and praise, adoration and attentive listening, asking God for forgiveness. If you follow Jesus' advice, and pray to God constantly, then you will learn to pray well. God himself will teach you."

Our dear Friends, following the example of St. John Paul II, let us not divide our lives into prayer and activities. Let us praise the Lord not only with our voice, but also with work, rest, meeting another person, traveling or participating in HOLY MASSES or DEVOTIONS. Please remember, when your life is a prayer, the Lord will always be near you. The time you spend quietly alone with God will comfort your soul and prepare you for your journey.

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....

St 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 INTER-CESSOR 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 CELEBRA-TING 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.



