



Novena to St. John Paul II

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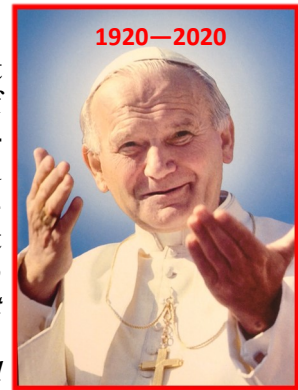
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*Dear Friends and Benefactors of the Fr. Justin Rosary Hour,
Praised be Jesus Christ!*

For the eight time, we invite you to join our very **special Novena to St. John Paul II**. The Franciscans and all of us associated with the *Rosary Hour* will pray and sacrifice with St. John Paul II from Feb. 3rd through 11th, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick.

On May 18, 2020 we will celebrate **the 100th anniversary of the birth of Karol Wojtyla, Pope John Paul II**. The Government of the Republic of Poland designated **2020** as **the Year of St. John Paul II**. Our great compatriot lead the Polish struggle for freedom from the yoke of communism.

St. John Paul II while he was still among us said that he would like to be remembered as *the Pope of the family*. He constantly emphasized that the family is the greatest treasure of the nation, because it is a school of social virtues that determine life and social progress. **Concern for the family**, Pope John Paul II made the center of his teaching and by words and example he taught how important a traditional family is in social and national life. The family is a real community of life and love. How poignant are his words: *Oh how I wish, I who owe my life, faith and language to my Polish family, that every family continued to be strong in God. That the family would overcome everything that weakens and breaks it down - everything that does not allow it to be a true community of life and love.*



Many of you are sick and suffering. There are such people among us. As we know, most of all, St. John Paul II entrusted everyone, who suffer, 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 HEAVEN. Entrust your concerns to Him and ask for intercession and care, because he is close to God and close to us.**

Especially this year, in which we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of St John Paul II, confide to him your 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, **send us your intentions today which can be written on the card included with this letter. We will place them before the image of St. John Paul II.**

The Franciscan Friars will be PRAYING and CELEBRATING THE HOLY MASS 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* we 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.

We need your HELP. 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 St. John Paul II together with, the Mother of God, our most loving Mother, intercede for you in God.

With prayer and gratitude,

Br. Daniel, OFM Conv.

Br. Daniel and the Rosary Hour Community

PS. As a „thank you” for taking part in this Novena we will send you a **Novena prayer to St. John Paul II**.