## Novena to St. Anthony

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

We invite you to join the Novena to St. Anthony of Padua, Miracle Worker, Father of the poor and lost.

What a great BLESSING for our "Family" to have St. Anthony as the patron of the *Rosary Hour*!

Saint Anthony is a Catholic saint. At the age of 15 he entered the Augustinian Order. He devoted the next 8 years to study and prayer, immersing himself in Sacred Scripture. When news of the Franciscan martyrs in Morocco reached him, he joined the Franciscan Order at the age of 26. At his own re-

quest, he was sent as a missionary to Morocco to preach among Moors. However, he had to return to Europe due to illness. The last two years of his life he spent in Padua preaching, hearing confessions, and helping the poor. At the age of 36 he passed away to the Lord. 352 days after his death, he was canonized.

Saint Anthony was above all the greatest preacher of the Middle Ages and one of the finest orators of all time. Today he is one of the most famous saints. We honor him as a servant of God because of his faithfulness and perseverance in God's service.

The miracles of Saint Anthony of Padua strengthen our faith and assure us in the hope that we receive intercessors from God to help us on our earthly pilgrimage. We could write about St. Anthony, his miracles and life on and on ....

Today, as long before, **St. Anthony is loving and compassionate**. He is waiting for us to confide in him our PROBLEMS - the great as well as the small. Today he would like to give relief to our suffering. He desires to intercede to God for them, which could be any sort of need; seeking employment, waiting for healing, longing for peace of heart and mind, asking for courage, needing trust in God, the desire to make a sincere confession or any other need for help.

We ask that you to answer St. Anthony, who is waiting. Please take part in this NOVENA, which will consist of nine consecutive Tuesdays: from April 12 to June 7, 2022. Trust in the never-ending Mercy of God and place all your hope that God will hear your requests with the help of St. Anthony, our Patron – Miracle-Worker.

On the enclosed form, please note your individual intentions. Every Tuesday during the course of our novena, as well as the Solemnity of St. Anthony (June 13) in common prayer through the intercession of St. Anthony and celebrated Masses, Franciscans spiritually united with entire Rosary Hour Family and the Companions of St. Anthony will ask for all the graces you and all of us need.

On this occasion, please generously support the *Fr. Justin Rosary Hour* and the Franciscans who, like St. Anthony preach the Good News about Jesus. **Your offering will enable the Franciscans to continue today's evangelization.** 

May the Merciful God bless you for the generosity of your heart. May St. Anthony, intercede for you in Christ Jesus.

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 a **Novena to Saint Anthony**, write to us or mark it on the return card. **At your request, we would be happy to send it to you**.