



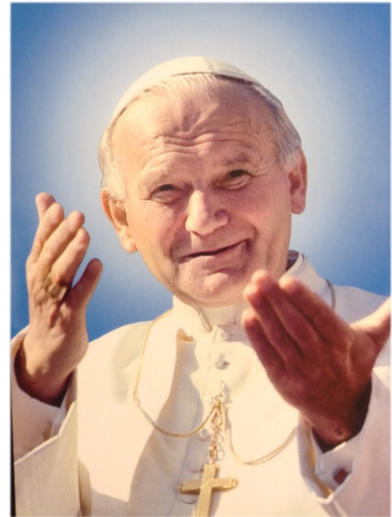
*Dear Friends and Benefactors of the Fr. Justin Rosary Hour,  
Praised be Jesus Christ!*

For the fifth time, we invite you to join our very special Novena to St. John Paul II. **We 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.**

St. John Paul II said in his Letter to the elderly (1999): “When God permits us to suffer because of illness, loneliness or other reasons associated with old age, he always gives us the grace and strength to unite ourselves with greater love to the sacrifice of his Son and to share ever more fully in his plan of salvation. Let us be convinced of this: he is our Father, a Father rich in love and mercy!”

Especially this year, through the intercession of St. John Paul II, the Pope, who showed the world the beauty of old age, we will ask our Father to give old people the strength to overcome the temptations of everyday life, the temptations of doubt, temptations to feel unnecessary. We will ask God to give them the belief that he still is and still loves, regardless of the past, regardless of appearance, regardless of their state of health. We will ask God to strengthen our faith that He is the Father rich in mercy.

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.**



Let us confide to St. John Paul II our 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 whatever the need, 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 Holy Masses for the sick and suffering, and 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, which gave himself completely, intercede for you in God.**

*With prayer and gratitude,*

**Fr. Marcel Sokalski, OFM Conv.**

Fr. Marcel and the Rosary Hour Community

Ps. As a „thank you” for taking part in this Novena we will send you a **“Prayer during Sickness”** through the intercession of St. Pope John Paul II.