

*Dear Devotees of St. Anthony,
Friends, Benefactors and Patrons of the 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.**

Saint Anthony, whose memory we celebrate in the Church on June 13, is an extraordinary personality. In Italy, where he receives special honor, he is simply called *il Santo*, or saint - and everyone already knows what saint it is. Pope Leo XIII called **St. Anthony of Padua - saint of the whole world**, and Pope Pius XII proclaimed him a **Doctor of the Church**. He was one of the most quickly canonized saints in church history.



You may easily recognize St. Anthony of Padua because he is usually depicted with a lily and the Infant Jesus in his arms. You can see him holding the Infant Jesus on traditional depictions because this great preacher and mystic relentlessly proclaimed the Gospel, that is Jesus Christ himself whom he loved deeply and served faithfully.

Not many saints experienced such exceptional closeness and honor. It was the **strong and simple love to the Lord Jesus that made St. Anthony grow closer to the Mother of Christ - Mary**. There was no event in Her life that St. Anthony wouldn't notice, study and explain to his listeners in homilies. In some of them he called Mary a "lily"...

What St. Anthony preached and lived more than 800 years ago is continued today by the Fr. Justin Rosary Hour. To follow it we need spiritual strength from a **Novena to St. Anthony**. Because you are a member of our Rosary Hour Family, we would like to invite you to join in

this Novena. What do you need to do to participate?

Send your intentions, as well as a good will offering. Your sacrifice will enable the Rosary Hour to continue its evangelization.

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, which will start on April 14 as well as the Solemnity of St. Anthony (June 13) the Franciscans will offer Mass and they will remember your intentions in their special prayers through the intercession of St. Anthony. The Franciscans united in spirit with the entire Family of the Rosary Hour will ask God for all the graces we needed.**

May St. Anthony, intercede for you in Christ Jesus.

May the Merciful God bless you for the generosity of your heart.

With prayers and gratitude,

Br. Daniel Geary, 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 to St. Anthony**.

PS. You can, please visit our website: www.rosaryhour.com. Share this message with others.