

## NOVENA DEVOTIONS IN HONOUR OF ST. ANTHONY

**All:** O gentle and loving St. Anthony, in whose arms the infant Jesus ever loved to linger, grant your intercessory aid and at your word my prayer will be granted.

1. St. Anthony, who raised the dead, pray for those Christians now in their agony and for our dear departed. (*✠ Glory be...*)
2. St. Anthony, zealous preacher of the Gospel, fortify us against the errors of the enemies of God, and pray for the Pope and the Church. (*✠ Glory be...*)
3. St. Anthony, powerful with the heart of Jesus, preserve us from the calamities which threaten us on account of our sins. (*✠ Glory be...*)
4. St. Anthony, who drove away devils, make us triumph over their snares. (*✠ Glory be...*)
5. St. Anthony, lily of heavenly purity, purify us from the stains of the soul, and preserve our body from all dangers. (*✠ Glory be...*)
6. St. Anthony, healer of the sick, cure our diseases, and preserve us in health. (*✠ Glory be...*)
7. St. Anthony, guide of travelers, bring to safe harbour those who are in danger of perishing and calm the troubled waves of passion which agitate our souls. (*✠ Glory be...*)
8. St. Anthony, liberator of captives, deliver us from the captivity of evil. (*✠ Glory be...*)
9. St. Anthony, who restored to young and old the use of their limbs, preserve for us the perfect use of the senses of our bodies, and the faculties of our minds. (*✠ Glory be...*)
10. St. Anthony, finder of lost things, help us to find all that we have lost in the spiritual and in the temporal order. (*✠ Glory be...*)
11. St. Anthony, protected by Mary, avert the dangers which threaten our bodies and

souls. (*✠ Glory be...*)

12. St. Anthony, helper of the poor, help us in our needs and give bread and work to those who ask. (*✠ Glory be...*)
13. St. Anthony, we thankfully proclaim your miraculous power, and we beseech you to protect us all the days of our life. (*✠ Glory be...*)

### Let us pray:

O Glorious St. Anthony, safe refuge of the afflicted and distressed, who has miraculously revealed that all who piously invoke you on nine consecutive Tuesdays, will experience your powerful help.

I, a poor sinner, encouraged by this promise, come to you and with a firm hope, I implore your aid, your counsel and your blessing

Obtain help for me, dear Saint, in my present necessity... (*here mention your request*). But if it be opposed to the will of God and welfare of my soul, obtain for me such other graces as shall be conducive to my salvation. Through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## THE NINE TUESDAYS

### FIRST TUESDAY

Glorious Saint, in the name of the Queen of Angels, and of all celestial choirs, I salute you and humbly ask that, with them, you would approach the Throne of God, and lovingly offer my petition, strengthening it by your intercession. (*✠ Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be...*)

### SECOND TUESDAY

Blessed Anthony, saluting you in the name of the patriarchs and prophets, and thanking God that, like unto them, you were endowed with divine knowledge and foresight, I beseech you that, with them, you would approach the eternal Throne and obtain for me my petition by our united prayers and merits. (*✠ Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be...*)

### THIRD TUESDAY

Blessed Anthony, in the name of all the holy apostles and disciples of Christ, I salute you and thank

Him for having chosen you also to proclaim His Gospel and spread the faith; and beseech you to unite your prayers with theirs, that through your united merits my petition may be granted. (*✠ Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be...*)

### FOURTH TUESDAY

Blessed Anthony, who like the martyrs and confessors was ever ready to endure persecution for Christ's sake, I salute you and beseech that with them you would approach the Eternal Throne and by your united intercession obtain my petition. (*✠ Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be...*)

### FIFTH TUESDAY

Blessed Anthony, in the name of all holy bishops and priests, I humbly salute you and return thanks to God, through Whose grace you did, by preaching and example, convert countless numbers to Christ and salvation. Join, I implore you, your prayers with theirs before God's Throne, that thereby my petition may be obtained. (*✠ Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be...*)

### SIXTH TUESDAY

Blessed Anthony, I salute you and return thanks to the Most High God that, like all holy monks and hermits, you did through His grace, spent your life in fasting, prayer and mortification. Join your prayers with theirs before God's Throne that your united prayers and merits may gain for me my petition. (*✠ Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be...*)

### SEVENTH TUESDAY

Blessed Anthony, lily of purity saluting you in the name of all virgins and holy innocents who like you did preserve their purity unsullied and overcame the desires of the flesh; unite with them, I beseech you, in approaching the Throne of God, and obtain for me my petition. (*✠ Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be...*)

### EIGHT TUESDAY

Blessed Anthony, I salute you in the name of all holy widows and spouses, and thanking God who endowed you with such great and varied

virtues, whereby you did so diligently serve Him on earth, I beseech you to join your voice with theirs before the throne of God that your united prayers and merits may obtain for me my petition.  
*(✠ Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be...)*

## NINTH TUESDAY

Blessed Anthony, saluting you in the name of St. Joseph, the chaste spouse of Mary, and of all devout persons still living, and thanking God, the Most High, Who has bestowed on you His infinite love, and generously endowed you with His grace, I humbly beseech you to plead on my behalf before His Eternal Throne, that my petition may be granted, for His greater honour and glory and the comfort of my sorrowing soul.  
*(✠ Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be...)*

✠ Pray for us, Blessed Anthony.

✠ That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

### Let us pray:

O God, may the votive commemoration of Blessed Anthony, your confessor and Doctor, be a source of joy to your Church, that she may always be fortified with spiritual assistance and deserve to enjoy eternal happiness. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. AMEN.

## EFFICACIOUS PRAYERS TO ST. ANTHONY

O Holy Saint Anthony, one of the gentlest and kindest of all the Saints, your burning love of God, your exalted virtue and your great charity towards your fellow creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers of an exalted kind. Miracles waited on your word, and that word you were ever ready to speak at the request of those in trouble. The anxious prayer of bitter trial was never addressed to you in vain. To the sick you gave back health; you restored what was lost, the sorrow-stricken were the objects of your tender compassion; even the dead you raised to life when the wounded heart cried out to you from the depths of anguish. When on earth nothing was impossible to you, except not to have compassion on those in distress and sorrow. Encouraged by this thought,

and full of confidence, I implore of you to obtain for me... *(here mention your request).*

The answer to this, my prayer, may require a miracle. Even so, are you not the Saint of Miracles, who when on earth had but to speak and the mightiest wonders were wrought? O gentle and loving St. Anthony, you whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my prayer into the ears of the Infant Jesus who loved to linger in your arms.

One word from you and my prayer will be granted. Oh, speak that word and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. AMEN †

### SHORT BIOGRAPHY

*St. Anthony, born of noble parents in 1195 in Lisbon-Portugal, joined the Franciscan order in 1220. He died at age 36, on 13 June 1231 on which date his feast is celebrated. He is popularly known as 'wonder worker', 'patron of lost things & missing persons', 'patron of the poor & oppressed', etc.*

#### Some of his important miracles.

- At Rimini, a horse, which, kept fasting for three days, refused the oats placed before him, till he had knelt down and adored the Blessed Sacrament, which St. Anthony held in his hands.
- Poisoned food was offered him by some Italian heretics, which he rendered innocuous by the sign of the cross.
- The famous sermon to the fishes on the bank of the river Brenta in the neighbourhood of Padua.
- Preaching one night on Holy Thursday in the Church of St. Pierre du Queriox at Limoges, he remembered he had to sing a Lesson of the Divine Office. Interrupting suddenly his discourse, he appeared at the same moment among the friars in choir to sing his Lesson, after which he continued his sermon.
- Another day preaching in the square des creux des Arenes at Limoges, he miraculously preserved his audience from the rain.
- At St. Junien during the sermon, he predicted that by an artifice of the devil the pulpit would break down, but that all should remain safe and sound. And so it occurred; for while he was preaching, the pulpit was overthrown, but no one hurt; not even the saint himself.
- In a monastery of Benedictines, where he had fallen ill, he delivered by means of his tunic one of the monks from great temptations.
- Likewise, by breathing on the face of a novice (whom he had himself received into the order), he confirmed him in his vocation.
- At Brive, where he had founded a convent, he preserved from the rain the maid-servant of a benefactress who was bringing some vegetables to the brethren for their meagre repast.
- A young man, Leonardo by name, in a fit of anger kicked his own mother. Repentant, he confessed his fault to St. Anthony who said to him: "The foot of him who kicks his mother deserves to be cut off." Leonardo ran home and cut off his foot. Learning of this, St. Anthony took the amputated member of the unfortunate youth and miraculously rejoined it.



*saint*  
**ANTHONY**  
*of padua*  
*Pray for us*

