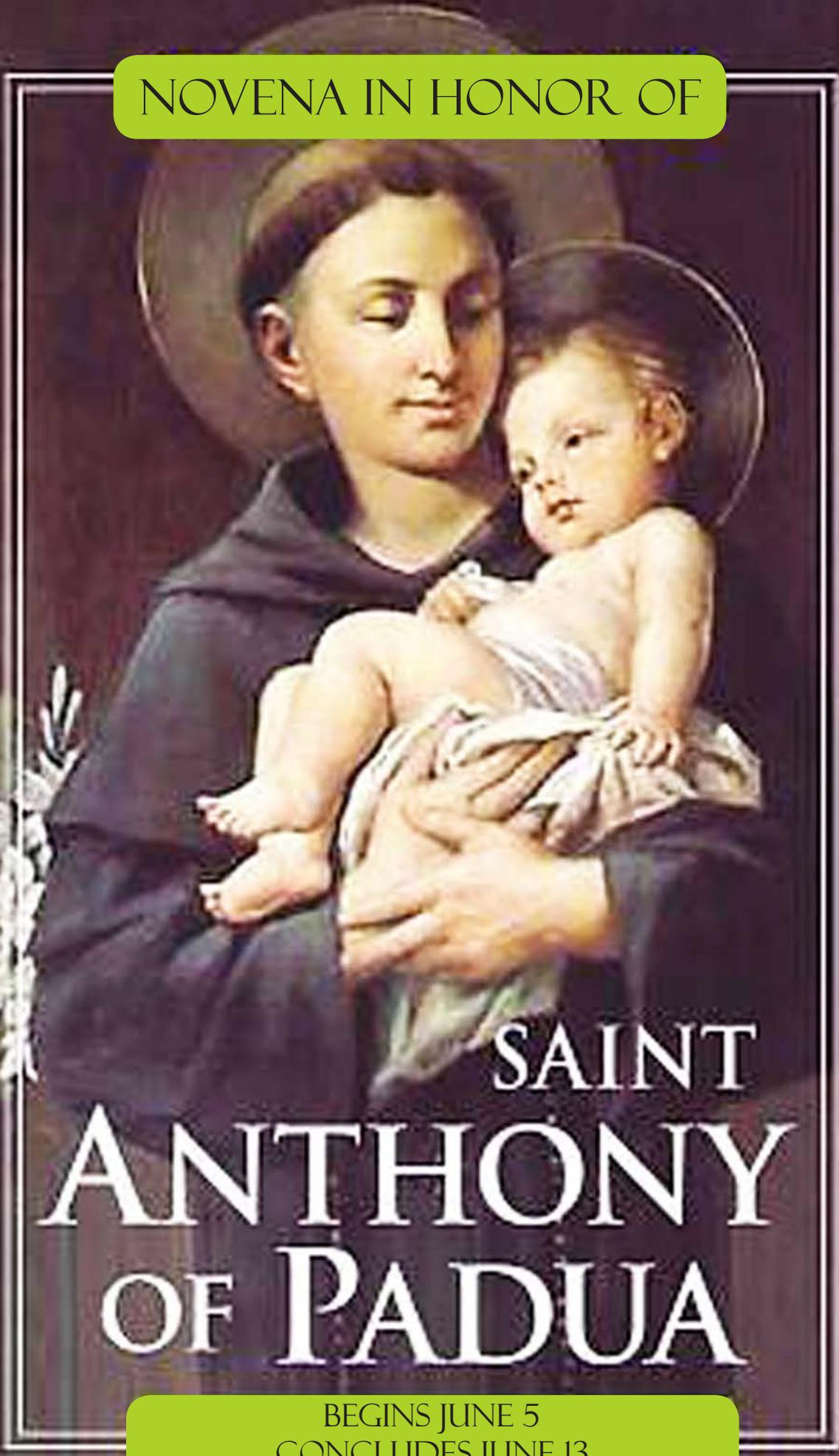


NOVENA IN HONOR OF



SAINT
ANTHONY
OF PADUA

BEGINS JUNE 5
CONCLUDES JUNE 13
FEAST DAY OF ST. ANTHONY

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Novena in Honor of Saint Anthony

FIRST DAY — JUNE 5

Saint Anthony's Fear of God

O blessed Saint Anthony,
who from your earliest youth,
lived in the fear of the Lord,
and never dared to be unfaithful to Him
even in the smallest things,
obtain for me, from the infinitely just God,
whom I have so often offended,
the grace henceforth to walk with greater zeal,
and never more to offend him by mortal sin.

Kindly take care also of that concern
which prompted me to perform
this devotion in your honor,
provided it be not opposed to the will of God
and the welfare of my soul.

To prove myself more worthy of being heard
I resolve with your assistance
during the coming week
carefully to avoid all deliberate sin
and thus not offend my beloved Lord and Savior,
who with the Father and Holy Spirit,
lives and reigns, one God,
world without end. AMEN.

SECOND DAY — JUNE 6

Saint Anthony's Love of God

O dear Saint Anthony,
filled with the tender love of God,
I realize well what your example demands of me:
to love God with my whole heart and with all my
strength. Oh, that I may follow this teaching
and imitate you in loving God!
Obtain for me the grace always to carry this love of God
in my heart and show it in deed.

Kindly take care also of that concern
which prompted me to perform
this devotion in your honor,
provided it be not opposed to the will of God
and the welfare of my soul.

To prove myself more worthy of being heard
I resolve with your assistance
during the coming week
daily to make an act of love of God
and carefully to avoid the occasion of sin,
and thus to please the Heart of
my beloved Lord and Savior,
who with the Father and Holy Spirit
lives and reigns, one God,
world without end. AMEN.

THIRD DAY — JUNE 7

St. Anthony's Confidence in God

O glorious Saint Anthony,
whose confidence in God
has been so richly rewarded,
obtain for me the grace of a firm assurance
that God in his mercy
will not refuse me his assistance in my needs.

Kindly take care also of that concern
which prompted me to perform
this devotion in your honor,
provided it be not opposed to the will of God
and the welfare of my soul.

To prove myself worthy of being heard
I resolve with your assistance,
during the coming week
to reflect on the infinite mercy
and goodness of God toward me, a poor sinner,
thus to be filled with firm confidence
in my beloved Lord and Savior,
who with the Father and Holy Spirit,
lives and reigns, one God,
world without end. AMEN.

FOURTH DAY — JUNE 8

Saint Anthony's Love of His Neighbor

O blessed Saint Anthony,
perfect model of true charity,
who assisted your neighbor, both friends and enemies,
in spiritual as well as in corporal necessities,
obtain for me the grace of truly loving my neighbor
and of forgiving those who offend me,
as I hope to be forgiven.

Kindly take care also of that concern
which prompted me to perform
this devotion in your honor,
provided it be not opposed to the will of God
and the welfare of my soul.

To prove myself more worthy of being heard
I resolve with your assistance,
during the coming week
to practice works of mercy
and truly to forgive my enemies,
thus pleasing my beloved Lord and Savior,
who with the Father and Holy Spirit,
lives and reigns, one God,
world without end. AMEN.

FIFTH DAY — JUNE 9

Saint Anthony's Humility

O glorious Saint Anthony, true model of humility,
who deemed yourself the least of your brethren,
graciously look down upon me
and obtain for me the grace
to become truly meek and humble of heart.

Kindly also take care of that concern
which prompted me to perform
this devotion in your honor,
provided it be not opposed to
the will of God and the welfare of my soul.

To prove myself more worthy of being heard
I resolve with your assistance, during the coming week
not to seek human praise and patiently to bear
all humiliations in imitation of my beloved Lord and Savior,
who with the Father and Holy Spirit, lives and reigns,
one God, world without end. AMEN.

SIXTH DAY — JUNE 10

Saint Anthony's Purity

O glorious Saint Anthony, who followed Jesus Christ
by true self-denial and thus preserved your purity and
sanctity. I must confess that I have been remiss
in using the means necessary to possess this virtue.
Pray for me, that I may ever practice chastity,
according to my state of life, and fill my heart with hatred
and detestation of everything dangerous to this virtue.

Kindly take care also of that concern
which prompted me to perform this devotion in your honor.

To prove myself more worthy of being heard
I resolve with your assistance, during the coming week
to practice self-denial and prayer and thus preserve
purity of body and soul, the virtue so dear to my beloved
Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
who with the Father and Holy Spirit, lives and reigns,
one God, world without end. AMEN.

SEVENTH DAY — JUNE 11

Saint Anthony's Christian Fortitude

O great Saint Anthony, intrepid champion of Jesus Christ,
who with holy courage denounced vice and cruelty,
obtain for me the grace, that I may be strong in my
Catholic faith and resolute in fulfilling my Christian duties.

Kindly take care also of that concern
which prompted me to perform this devotion in your honor,
provided it be not opposed to the will of God
and the welfare of my soul.

To prove myself more worthy of being heard
I resolve with your assistance, during the coming week
to cast aside all human respect, and
with a strong and steadfast faith ever to confess
my beloved Lord and Savior,
who with the Father and Holy Spirit, lives and reigns,
one God, world without end. AMEN.

EIGHTH DAY — JUNE 12

Saint Anthony's Patience and Resignation

O glorious Saint Anthony, perfect model of
patience and meekness, obtain for me the grace
to embrace with love the Cross of Christ,
and patiently to bear all adversities of life.

Kindly take care also of that concern
which prompted me to perform this devotion in your honor,
provided it be not opposed to the will of God
and the welfare of my soul.

To prove myself more worthy of being heard
I resolve with your assistance, during the coming week
to suppress all anger and impatience, to bear my cross
with resignation and thus follow in the footsteps of
my beloved Lord and Savior,
who with the Father and Holy Spirit, lives and reigns,
world without end. AMEN.

NINTH DAY — JUNE 13

Saint Anthony's Devotion to the Blessed Virgin

O blessed Saint Anthony, who already on the day of
your happy death entered into heavenly glory,
look down upon me from your celestial throne
and obtain for me the grace of a happy and holy death.

Kindly take care also of that concern
which prompted me to perform this devotion in your honor,
provided it be not opposed to the will of God
and the welfare of my soul

To prove myself more worthy of being heard,
I resolve with your assistance, during the coming week
to practice devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary
and hereafter faithfully to keep all the resolutions
I have made on these nine days for the honor and glory of
my beloved Lord and Savior,
who with the Father and Holy Spirit, lives and reigns,
one God, world without end. AMEN.

CLOSING PRAYER AT THE END OF THE NOVENA

*O blessed Saint Anthony, my faithful intercessor,
I have now, through the grace of God and your assistance, finished these
pious exercises in your honor.
I had indeed the will and desire to do all in my power
for your greater honor and glory.
But you know my weakness and misery and want of devotion.
Therefore, I beseech you to make amends for all my failings,
and to offer your merits and good works for me,
that I may find grace and hearing with God.
Obtain for me, through your merits, the blessings of a virtuous life,
true knowledge of my God and of myself,
perfect mortification of my senses,
and a complete triumph over all temptations.
I place myself under your special protection.
Assist me to follow your example in life and come to my aid in death.
In that dread moment let me experience the might of your help.
AMEN.*

Hymns to Saint Anthony of Padua

Hymn to Saint Anthony

(Old Hundredth)

St. Anthony, our father dear,
We meet around your feet once more,
Your boundless graces to proclaim,
And make them sound from shore to shore.

St. Anthony, O hear our prayer,
Thy loving children, ask thy care.
Oh, you who for great wonders seek,
Be present at our Father's feet.

Ah, there you'll find that even death,
Has yielded to his power sublime,
St. Anthony, O hear our prayer,
Make us your loving children, thine.

O Dear Saint Anthony

(O Sanctissima)

O dear Saint Anthony
The wondrous worker.
Under your tutelage
I place my hopes.

Behold your suppliant
In solemn prayer.
O dear Saint Anthony, do pray for us!
O dear Saint Anthony, do pray for us!

The saint, the sinner,
The young and elderly
Have you for brother in paradise.
All shout together your praises daily.
(Repeat O dear Saint...)

To Christ Our King

(To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King)

To Christ our King we sing this hymn
Our grateful hearts we raise
For Anthony, before His throne,
Exults in joy and grace. *(Refrain)*

He followed close the Father's Word;
From Him he never turned,
His miracles a light to all,
To faith the lost returned. *(Refrain)*

O gentle saint, tell Him our needs;
His children too are we.
O ask Him now to grant our prayer
And we at peace shall be. *(Refrain)*

This grace we beg from God on high,
The Father with the Son,
The Holy Spirit of His love
Now and forever more. *(Refrain)*

Refrain

*Saint Anthony, preacher
Saint Anthony, humble
Saint Anthony, pray for us!*

