

## Catholic Prayers: Novena to Saint Anthony of Padua



### Opening Prayer

Most lovable St. Anthony, we honor you as God's servant for your fidelity and perseverance in His service. May we always be assisted by your merits and intercession in following your example. Amen.

### 1st Day

V. O God, come to my assistance;

R. Make haste, Lord to help me.

St. Anthony, great wonder-worker, God has honored you abundantly by granting many miracles through your intercession. In your goodness, kindly come to my aid now, and hear my request. Amen.

### 2nd Day

V. Hear me, O God, and have pity on me;

R. O Lord, be my helper.

Lovable St. Anthony, I come to you with complete confidence in your favor before God who heeds your pleas for those in need. Forget me not in your place of heavenly glory, and intercede for me. Amen.

### 3rd Day

V. Be not far from me, O Lord;

R. Awake, and be vigilant, O God, in my defense.

Glorious St. Anthony, I acknowledge my weakness and my many sins against the

Almighty. Despite my unworthiness, please assist me in my pressing necessity. In your kindness, plead my cause. Amen

#### **4th Day**

V. Make your ways known to me, O Lord;

R. Teach me your paths.

Zealous St. Anthony, help me now to appreciate God's purpose in my life, and be my powerful patron in granting my intention. You will, I am sure, beg God's mercy for me in my difficulties. Amen.

#### **5th Day**

V. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;

R. Lord, hear my voice.

Most chaste St. Anthony, by your love for Christ and His Church I implore your aid in my anxiety, and ask your prompt response. You show the power of God's saints by your ready aid to His people. Amen.

#### **6th Day**

V. My help is in the name of the Lord;

R. Who made heaven and earth.

Most humble St. Anthony, your dedication to poverty has enriched the Church with countless favors and blessings. I beg your assistance in my behalf so I may be enriched by honoring your example. Amen.

#### **7th Day**

V. All that the Lord wills He does;

R. In heaven and on earth.

O good St. Anthony, you comfort those like me who sorrow. Be with me as I give solace to others in imitation of you. Forget not my need in my difficulty, and entreat our God for me. Amen.

#### **8th Day**

V. The Lord defends His people;

R. He is merciful to His servants.

Blessed St. Anthony, in your life you were a model of perfection who worked wonders for those afflicted. From your place in heaven, come now to my aid, and beg from God the answer to my petition. Amen.

## 9th Day

V. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good;

R. His mercy endures forever.

Faithful St. Anthony, my heart overflows with gratitude. I know your power with God is great, and that you will obtain for me my heart's desire. Help me now, I beg you, to serve God as faithfully as you did. Amen.

V. St. Anthony whom the infant Jesus so much loved and honored.

R. Grant us what we ask of you.

## Closing Prayer

O God, may it always be a source of joy to your Church that we honor the memory of St. Anthony, your Confessor and Doctor. May his spiritual help make us strong, and his assistance help us gain an everlasting reward. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

A novena is a practice where a prayer or groups of prayers are recited for nine consecutive days for special intentions and petitions. The praying of a novena draws its origin from the practice of the disciples who prayed in the upper room for the nine days between the ascension of our Lord and the arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.