

Efficacious Prayer to St. Anthony

O holy St. 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 its 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 convinced of the efficacy of your intercession, I kneel before your holy image, and full of confidence, I implore of you to obtain for me (*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.

The Nine Tuesdays Novena of Saint Anthony of Padua

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A perpetual Novena of Nine Tuesdays goes on in connection with the Association of St. Anthony canonically erected at the Shrine of St. Anthony, Temple Street, Dublin 1; any person can join, commencing the Novena on any Tuesday in the year.

Many favors have been obtained by those who have made this novena.

1. Recite for nine consecutive Tuesdays the prayer or prayers you find most appropriate.
2. Endeavor to imitate his virtues.
3. Receive - within the period of the Novena, if possible, the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.
4. Promise alms for St. Anthony's Bread for the poor, if you have the means.

Opening Prayer to be said every Tuesday:

O glorious St. Anthony, safe refuge of the afflicted and distressed, who 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 (*mention it*), but if it be opposed to the Will of God, and the welfare of my soul, obtain for me such other graces as shall be helpful to my salvation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be).

V. Pray for us, Blessed St. Anthony,

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

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

First Tuesday

Blessed St. Anthony, I greet you in the name of the Queen of Angels, I pray that, with her, you may approach Almighty God with my request and ask that it may be granted.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be).

Second Tuesday

Blessed St. Anthony, I greet you in the name of the Patriarchs and Prophets and I thank God that, like them you were given the gift of divine knowledge and of seeing the future. Now I ask you, to approach Almighty God with them and obtain for me my request by your prayers.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be).

Third Tuesday

Blessed St. Anthony, I greet you in the name of all the Holy Apostles and Disciples of Christ. I thank God for choosing you also to preach the Gospel and spread the Faith. And I ask you to pray with them for me, so that God may grant my request.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be).

Fourth Tuesday

Blessed St. Anthony, you, like the Martyrs and the Saints who proclaimed Christ, were always ready to suffer persecution for His sake, I greet you now and ask you to approach Almighty God and implore Him to grant my request.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be).

Fifth Tuesday

Blessed St. Anthony, I greet you in the name of all holy Bishops and priests and I thank God for giving you the grace of converting so very many people to Christ. May God hear your prayers for me and grant my request.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be).

Sixth Tuesday

Blessed St. Anthony, I greet you and thank God because He gave you, and many monks and hermits the grace to spend your lives in good works. Like them you stayed awake at night, you prayed, fasted and denied yourself. May your prayers and theirs, rise before God so that I may obtain what I ask.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be).

Seventh Tuesday

Blessed St. Anthony, I greet you in the name of all Virgins and Holy Innocents. Like them you led a life of purity and overcame all temptations. I ask you and them to speak for me to God so that my prayer may be heard.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be).

Eighth Tuesday

Blessed St. Anthony, I greet you in the name of all holy widows, all saintly husbands and wives. I thank God for all your virtues, so many and of such different kinds. You, like these holy people, served God well on earth; may their prayers and yours now obtain for me what I ask.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be).

Ninth Tuesday

Blessed St. Anthony, I greet you in the name of St. Joseph, the most chaste husband of Mary. I greet you in the name of all holy persons still living and I thank the most High God who gave you so much of His infinite love and blessed you with His grace. I ask you now to speak for me before God so that my prayer may be granted if it is for His greater honor and glory and the comfort of my soul in its sorrow.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be).