



St. Anthony of Padua

*Novena in honor of  
St. Anthony of Padua  
June 5th - June 13th*

*St. Anthony the Wonder Worker  
Always Answers!*

**BRING YOUR NEEDS TO HIM**  
*For over 700 years, St. Anthony has  
been renowned as the  
"Saint of Miracles".*

*The Franciscan Brothers, who are charged  
with the care of the  
Black Madonna Shrine and Grottos, invite  
you to join with us and the Shrine staff in  
offering prayers to  
St. Anthony the Miracle Worker!*

*Anthony was born in Lisbon, Portugal in  
1195 as a young man he felt a call to God's Will and  
dreamed of becoming a Franciscan Missionary.  
Illness prevented his traveling to North Africa so he  
traveled to Italy and became a faithful companion of  
St. Francis of Assisi. Proclaiming the gospel  
throughout Northern Italy and Southern France,  
defending the poor, striking out against evil and  
filling the people's hearts with faith and love.  
Anthony passed away in 1231 and was  
proclaimed a Saint the following year. He is the  
patron of the poor (St. Anthony's bread) and is  
popularly invoked as the finder of lost articles.  
He is depicted holding the infant Jesus because of  
a vision recorded of him.*

UNFAILING PRAYER TO  
SAINT ANTHONY

O Holy Saint Anthony, gentlest of Saints: your love  
for God and charity for His creatures made you  
worthy,  
when on earth, to possess miraculous powers.  
Miracles waited on your word, which you were ever  
ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety.  
Encouraged by this thought, I implore of you to  
obtain for me

*(mention your request).*  
The answer to my prayer may require a miracle;  
even so, you are the Saint of Miracles.

O gentle and loving Saint, whose heart was ever  
full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into  
the ears of the sweet Infant Jesus,

Who loved to be folded in your arms; and the  
gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen.

*St. Anthony, whom the Infant Jesus  
so much loved and honored, grant us  
what we ask of You.*

O God! Let the votive commemoration of Blessed Anthony, Thy  
confessor, be a source of joy to Thy Church; that she may  
always be fortified with spiritual assistance and may deserve to  
possess eternal joy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Dear Franciscan Brothers,

Please remember the following  
petitions during the Saint Anthony novena .

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Please burn \_\_\_\_\_ candle(s) for my intentions  
during the novena. I have enclosed \$4.00 for each  
candle lit.

*With limited funds and the expense of printing and  
postage, we may not respond to requests less than \$5 or for  
candles only. We hope you understand, for every cent we  
spend on printing or postage means less for the preservation  
of the grottos and the good works done by the Brothers.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Please send me a Saint Anthony 3<sup>rd</sup> class relic medal.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please send me a Saint Anthony prayer card embossed  
with a gold foil medal.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in learning more of Saint Anthony.  
Please send me the 46 page booklet Devotion to Saint  
Joseph. I have enclosed an additional \$4.00 to cover the cost  
of the booklet and shipping.

Brother ,

I have listed my petitions and I earnestly pray that my offering of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ will be of help to you with the maintenance of Our Lady's Shrine and Grottos.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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Detach this section and Return the petition slip to:

**Black Madonna Shrine**  
**PO Box 181**  
**Eureka MO 63025**

Dear Friends of Our Lady's Shrine:

The novena honoring of St. Anthony of Padua is very special. How many times have you misplaced your keys, a favorite item or the remote control to your television? For most of us, it happens nearly everyday.

We will pray to St. Anthony for a period of nine days (the novena June 5-13). Holy Mass will be offered each day in honor of the Miracle Worker at our monastery chapel. All of you who return the petitions slip will be remembered during the masses. In addition to the masses, we will offer daily prayers to St. Anthony at the Shrine Chapel at 10:00 a.m. central time.

I urge all of you to join with us in prayer and ask for St. Anthony's help at this hour in the morning. If you are near the Shrine, please stop by and join us in prayer. May the peace and blessings of Our Heavenly Father be with you and yours

Sincerely, *The Franciscan Missionary Brothers*

**NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY**

(begin each day with the following)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I beg of Thee, my God,  
Make haste to assist me.

Holy Father, merciful and just:  
giver of all good gifts and graces:  
I honor you through your saints and to ask their help in my daily life.

Lord, You promised  
those who ask, would receive:  
those who seek, would find:  
those who knock, would have doors opened.  
That faith would move mountains.

Hear the prayers of your humble children,  
grant our petitions and pardon our sins. Amen.

Dear St. Anthony, by your holy example and apostolic life, you led countless souls to the protection of our Divine Lord.

On earth your heart overflowed with compassion ever so gentle and giving: the poor and helpless your special mission.

Gather me close, I entrust myself to your care and place in your hands this request of mine...(request) but even more, keep me close to Our Savior Jesus Christ and His Love.

DAY 1 Heavenly Father,  
You inspired St. Anthony,  
please fill our tired hearts and souls with a passion to do good and emulate St. Anthony in my daily life.

DAY 2 Heavenly Father,

St. Anthony preached and carried in his soul unbounded Faith and Joy. Grant us a thimble full of his faith let us live with the joy of Anthony.

DAY 3 Lord Jesus Christ,

Your gospel is the Living Word, "Come to me" you call - St. Anthony answered. Let us answer your summons and dedicate our lives to You.

DAY 4 Lord Jesus Christ,

at your birth the world rejoiced the Glory of God became man. Anthony accepted your love, help us live a life worthy of your love.

DAY 5 Lord Jesus Christ,

Anthony preached Your word and changed the world around him. Teach us to accept what we cannot change give us the strength to change the things we can.

DAY 6 Lord Jesus Christ,

Your servant Anthony lived with poverty, help those in need now and show us the path to your love. The true road to salvation.

DAY 7 Divine Child Jesus,

Anthony so loved you, spark our hearts with your love and Shower our families with Your heavenly graces and blessings.

DAY 8 Divine Savior,

Son of Almighty God, Like Anthony, we place our lives in your care. Grant peace and justice to our world, that we might live in harmony.

DAY 9 Oh Heavenly Father,

through You all things came to be, Anthony accepted your Divine Will please help us accept what will be, Forgive our sins and grant us eternal life

In conclusion of the novena each day say one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be.