

Day 8: Sunday 11 June

St Anthony, with your consoling heart you are always attentive to those who come to you with their difficulties. Those who know your example of faith are encouraged to entrust themselves to your powerful intercession with God. Please ask Him to grant me the favour that I now request: *(silently state your intention now)*

Day 9: Monday 12 June

St Anthony, faithful servant of the Lord, I am certain that you will help me in my present need. I will strive to imitate your virtues of purity and charity, and I will spread the Good News of Christ's Kingdom to others by my words and deeds. Intercede with Jesus on my behalf, and ask that I be granted the favour that I now request: *(silently state your intention now)*

Concluding Prayer

(pray each day of the Novena)



Almighty and eternal God, You glorified Your faithful confessor Anthony with the gift of constantly working miracles. Grant that what we confidently seek through his merits, we may surely receive by his intercession. Through his powerful prayers, may we and all those we love be protected in every way in this life, and come to the joys of the world to come, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

V. Saint Anthony of Padua:

R. Pray for us.

The Feast of St Anthony is Tuesday, 13 June, with a Solemn Mass at 5.45pm. During the Mass we will pray the Litany of St Anthony; afterwards we will distribute blessed lilies in honour of the Saint, whose life of purity has merited for him the symbol of the lily of purity. We will also distribute St Anthony's Bread - blessed bread rolls; in return, it is customary to make a donation to the poor at Mass. We will contribute all proceeds to the St Vincent de Paul Society in our North Perth / Mt Lawley area. (Please sign up in the church porch for the blessed lilies & bread.)



A Novena in honour of Saint Anthony of Padua

in supplication to God for our own personal needs
and the needs of our families and friends, and of our parish

Opening Prayers

Pray each day of the Novena:

- V. In the Name of the Father † and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
- R. **Amen.**
- V. We salute you, Saint Anthony:
- R. **You are a lily of purity and glory of Christianity.**
- V. We rejoice at the favours God grants at your request:
- R. **Humbly and confidently we ask you to help us:**
- V. We trust in God's gifts to you:
- R. **Look upon our needs and concerns as we pray.**
- V. You felt great love for the Child Jesus:
- R. **Tell Him of our wants and recommend us to Him.**
- V. Obtain for us what is best, and hear our prayers:
- R. **And we will tell of your greatness far and wide.**

Daily Prayers

Pray the prayer assigned to each day of the Novena.

From whatever day you begin, continue in sequence, and then go back to Day 1 until you finish.

Day 1: Sunday 4 June

St Anthony, you are known all over the world for your unfailing assistance to those who are afflicted, in trouble, or burdened with any great anxiety. With reliance on your prayers for us in Heaven, I ask you to present before the throne of God the favour I now request: *(silently state your intention now)*

Day 2: Monday 5 June

St Anthony, you advise us to pray without ceasing. Teach me how to pray with patience and perseverance, and help me surrender myself to God's holy will. I come to you with confidence: hear my prayer and obtain for me the favour that I earnestly request in this Novena: *(silently state your intention now)*

Day 3: Tuesday 6 June

St Anthony, by your preaching and the example of your life, you inspire us to trust in the Lord's merciful love. You have taught us that He listens with love to the prayers of those who come to Him in sincere faith. Obtain for me from Jesus the favour which I now so earnestly seek: *(silently state your intention now)*

Day 4: Wednesday 7 June

St Anthony, your powerful intercession shows God's mercy to those who are in distress. Help me to imitate your virtues, and to obey God's word, despite my sinfulness. Look upon me with kindness from your place in Heaven, and obtain for me from Jesus the favour for which I now plead: *(silently state your intention now)*

Day 5: Thursday 8 June

St Anthony, you were charitable and compassionate to others. You came to their aid, even before they asked. Help me to follow your example, and reach out to those who need my understanding and mercy. Obtain from Jesus, if it is His will, the favour for which I now plead: *(silently state your intention now)*

Day 6: Friday 9 June

St Anthony, you strove to do God's will with patience and humility, and you completely trusted Him to guide your daily life. Obtain for me the grace to trust the Lord, and to believe that He is not deaf to those who call upon Him. Listen to my petition, for which I now plead: *(silently state your intention now)*

Day 7: Saturday 10 June

St Anthony, pure of heart, you were completely focussed on doing God's will and following His plan for your life. Help me to follow your example. Fully conscious of your influence with Jesus, I call upon you to come to my aid. Ask the Lord to grant me the favour that I now request: *(silently state your intention now)*