

# Thirteen Tuesdays of Prayer

## FIFTH TUESDAY

### *Forgiveness of Sin*

St. Anthony, you experienced in your ministry as a priest the power of God to heal the wounded through your touch. Heal me and my dear ones according to God's will.

## SIXTH TUESDAY

### *Living Faith*

St. Anthony, you carried out the daily responsibilities of your religious life with attention, care and loving faith. May I dedicate myself in the same spirit of love to the tasks God has given to me in union with Jesus.

## SEVENTH TUESDAY

### *A Grateful Heart*

St. Anthony, you felt grateful for the countless blessings that flowed into your life from the hands of God. May I also gratefully recognize God's presence in the events of my daily life.

## EIGHTH TUESDAY

### *The Gift of Love*

St. Anthony, you found that the companionship of your Franciscan brothers and sisters gave you happiness and support as you spread the Gospel of "love at work." May I be loyal and honest with my friends and respect their support.

## NINTH TUESDAY

### *Our Daily Bread*

St. Anthony, each day you celebrated the Sacrifice of God's Son, the Living Bread broken and shared in love. May I nurture others by sharing my daily bread unselfishly.

## TENTH TUESDAY

### *Gospel Living*

St. Anthony, you walked in the footsteps of our Suffering Savior by accepting with love the challenges of life. Help me to live in your Gospel spirit by accepting patiently whatever God permits for my own growth in holiness.

## ELEVENTH TUESDAY

### *Christ in the Poor*

St. Anthony, you brought hope and comfort to the needy and outcast people of your day. Help me to view any problems as opportunities to grow and share myself with those in need.

## TWELFTH TUESDAY

### *Light to the World*

St. Anthony, you led many from darkness to light by your preaching and works of kindness. May I also become light to others and a radiant instrument of peace.

## THIRTEENTH TUESDAY

### *Reward of Eternal Life*

St. Anthony, you rejoiced in God's mysterious ways and holy designs for your life here on earth. I thank the Lord for my own unique existence and for the people I alone can influence for good during my lifetime.

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In honor of  
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*Love at Work*

# NOVENA TO ST. ANTHONY

It is the practice to pray the Thirteen Tuesdays before the Feast of St. Anthony. Begin in March, then end on the Tuesday before June 13th. You may conclude the Novena to St. Anthony with the appropriate prayer for the respective Tuesday.



## Opening

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

## St. Anthony's Prayer

Lord Jesus, bind us to you and to our neighbor with love. May our hearts not be turned away from you.

May our souls not be deceived nor our talents or minds enticed by allurements of error, so that we may never distance ourselves from your love.

Thus may we love our neighbor as ourselves with strength, wisdom and gentleness. With your help, you who are blessed throughout all ages. Amen.

Pray for us, St. Anthony, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

God, our loving Father, you are glorified in your servant St. Anthony, whose glory is the crowning of your gifts to him. In his life on earth you give us an example. In our prayerful communion with him you give us his friendship. In his prayer for the Church you give us strength and protection. We praise and thank you, Lord, for these benefits through Jesus Christ, your Son, Amen.

## Prayer of Petition

Holy St. Anthony, you are the consolation of so many people. We come to invoke your help, confident of experiencing your goodness and power. Pray for us to the Father of mercies that we may obtain the graces we need for ourselves and for our loved ones.

*(Pause for your Personal Petitions)*

True follower of St. Francis, put into our hearts the flame of your love, that we may love our merciful Father in heaven and our neighbors as ourselves.

Pray that we may fulfill the will of God and live the way Jesus shows us in the Gospel. Be a guide for us this day that we may recognize the opportunities God gives us to be helping and caring.

Assist us in keeping the promises we made at our Baptism. Help us to obtain the grace to walk in the light of faith and to proclaim that faith by the way we live. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## A Special Prayer For Each Tuesday

*Conclude each Tuesday's Novena with the appropriate prayer.*

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### FIRST TUESDAY

#### *Finding Quiet Time*

St. Anthony, you found quiet time to retreat into private communion with God to replenish your life with new strength. Help me in the midst of my busy life to seek the Spirit's guiding presence within my heart.

### SECOND TUESDAY

#### *A Spirit of Prayer*

St. Anthony, you lived in the midst of storm and danger and were exposed to evils, yet you kept a prayerful spirit. Keep me prayerful and surround me by your constant care.

### THIRD TUESDAY

#### *Spirit of Renewal*

St. Anthony, you were challenged by change and new experiences so many times in the course of your life. Help me not to be afraid of the changes that will take place in my own life and to realize that by dealing with them I grow in faith.

### FOURTH TUESDAY

#### *Sorrow for Sin*

St. Anthony, in your preaching of the Gospel you proclaimed that God forgives sinners and understands our human frailty. Help me to acknowledge my trespasses against God and act as a compassionate and forgiving person.