



NICCSJ Novena to St. Anthony of Padua 2021 to be led by the Youth
(Feast Day, June 13th)

This novena to St. Anthony of Padua (1195-1231) is one of many prayers offered through the intercession of this great Franciscan preacher, instructor, and Doctor of the Church. St. Anthony of Padua is known as a miracle-worker. This is evidenced by the vast number of people over the centuries who have prayed through him in faith and have received a miraculous response to their prayers, especially seeking his intercession regularly to find lost items. Also, a great miracle attributed to him was when he was seen one night bathed in light in a room with the Child Jesus in his arms, as pictured above. With faith and trust on the intercession of St. Anthony, let us offer our prayers in this novena, praying for God's love and grace, especially in difficult times!

Saturday June 5th to Sunday June 13th, 2021

Modality: Sundays through zoom after 10.00 AM Mass, Monday to Saturday through conference call: Dial in #- +18482203100; ID #-06122005#

Steps:

1. **Begin-** In the name of the Father, And of the Son, And of the Holy Spirit. Amen
2. Pray the General Opening Prayer & prayer for a particular day (like Day 1 or Day 2...)
3. Mention the intentions:
 - a. Thanksgiving to God for all our answered prayers
 - b. For Marital Blessings and Job Opportunities for all our young adults
 - c. For the Diocese of San Jose, as we celebrate the 40th anniversary this year
 - d. For God's protection on us and our families against Coronavirus, other kinds of illnesses, & violence
 - e. For peace, security and respect for human life in our home country Nigeria, especially in the Igbo Land
 - f. Peace & Progress for all the Igbo Catholic Communities, especially the Igbo Catholic Communities of Bay Area
 - g. For the success of our 360 Project, 15th Anniversary Memoir, & Devotional App
 - h. For God's special healing on all of us and for those who are sick, especially Prince Val Nwogu
 - i. For other private intentions
4. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet or Rosary of Blessed Virgin Mary (Monday to Friday: Chaplet of Divine Mercy; Saturday & Sunday: Rosary of Blessed Virgin Mary)
5. Daily Prayer for Priests (Below)
6. Prayer to St. Joseph for the Year of St. Joseph (Below)
7. Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe For an End to Coronavirus (Below)

General Opening Prayer for Each Day

O wonderful St. Anthony, gloriously named "Miracle Worker" on account of your many miracles and through the sweetness of Jesus coming in the form of a little child to rest in your arms, obtain for us from His bounty the grace which we ardently desire from the depths of our hearts. You who were so compassionate toward miserable sinners, regard not the unworthiness of those who pray to you, but the glory of God that it may once again be magnified by the granting of the particular request which we now ask with complete trust in your kindness. **Amen.**

DAY ONE: SATURDAY June 5th, 2021

O holy St. Anthony, gentlest of saints, your love for God and charity for His creatures made you worthy while on earth to possess miraculous powers. Miracles waited your word, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, we implore you to obtain for us the favor we seek in this novena. The answer to our prayer may require a miracle; even so, you are the Saint of miracles. O gentle and loving Saint Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the Infant Jesus, Who loved to be folded in your arms, and the gratitude of our heart will always be yours. *Intentions*

DAY TWO: SUNDAY June 6th, 2021

O miracle-working St. Anthony, remember that it never has been heard that you did not leave without help or relief those in need who recourse to you. Animated now with the most lively confidence, even with full conviction of not being refused, we fly for refuge to you, O most favored friend of the Infant Jesus, eloquent preacher of the Divine mercy, despise not our supplications but, bringing them before the throne of God, strengthen them by your intercession and obtain for us the favor we seek in this novena. *Intentions*

DAY THREE: MONDAY June 7th, 2021

O purest St. Anthony, who through thine Angelic virtue was made worthy to be caressed by the Divine Child Jesus, to hold Him in your arms and press Him to your heart. We entreat you to cast a benevolent glance upon us. O glorious St. Anthony, born under the protection of Mary Immaculate, on the Feast of her Assumption into Heaven, and consecrated to her and now so powerful an intercessor in Heaven, we beseech you to obtain for us the favor we ask in this novena. O great wonder-worker, intercede for us that God may grant our request *Intentions*

DAY FOUR: TUESDAY June 8th, 2021

We salute and honor you, O powerful helper, St. Anthony. The Christian world confidently turns to you and experiences your tender compassion and powerful assistance in so many necessities and sufferings that we are encouraged in our need to seek your help in obtaining a favorable answer to our request for the favor we seek in this novena. O holy St. Anthony, we beseech you, obtain for us the grace that we desire. *Intentions*

DAY FIVE: WEDNESDAY June 9th, 2021

We salute you, St. Anthony, lily of purity, ornament and glory of Christianity. We salute you, great Saint, cherub of wisdom and seraph of Divine love. We rejoice at the favors our Lord has so liberally bestowed upon you. In humility and confidence, we entreat you to help us, for we know that God has given you charity and pity, as well as power. We ask you by the love you felt toward the Infant Jesus as you held Him in your arms to tell Him now of the favor We seek in this novena. *Intentions*

DAY SIX: THURSDAY June 10th, 2021

O glorious St. Anthony, chosen by God to preach His Word, you received from Him the gift of tongues and the power of working the most extraordinary miracles. O good St. Anthony, pray that we may fulfill the will of God in all things so that we may love Him, with you, for all eternity. O kind St. Anthony, we ask you, obtain for us the grace that we desire, the favor we seek in this novena. *Intentions*

DAY SEVEN: FRIDAY June 11th, 2021

O renowned champion of the faith of Christ, most holy St. Anthony, glorious for your many miracles, obtain for us from the bounty of our Lord and God the grace which we ardently seek in this novena. O holy St. Anthony, ever attentive to those who invoke your assistance, grant us the aid of your powerful intercession *Intentions*

DAY EIGHT: SATURDAY June 12th, 2021

O holy St. Anthony, you have shown yourself to be so powerful, so tender and so compassionate towards those who honor you and invoke you in suffering and distress. We ask you most humbly and earnestly to take us under your protection in our present necessities and to obtain for us the favor we desire. Recommend our request to the merciful Queen of Heaven, that she may plead our cause with you before the throne of her Divine Son *Intentions*

DAY NINE: SUNDAY June 13th, 2021

Saint Anthony, servant of Mary, glory of the Church, pray for our Holy Father, our bishops, our priests, our deacons, our Religious Orders, that, through their pious zeal and apostolic labors, all may be united in faith and give greater glory to God. St. Anthony, helper of all who invoke you, pray for us and intercede for us before the throne of Almighty God that we be granted the favor we so earnestly seek in this novena *Intentions*

Novena Prayers adapted from <https://www.powerfulcatholicprayers.com/novena-to-st-anthony-of-padua-1-june-4-june-13/#axzz6w1XFoC7B>

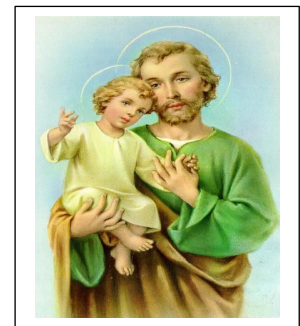
The Daily Prayer for Priests by St. Therese of the Child Jesus (St. Therese of Lisieux)

O Jesus, we pray for your faithful and fervent priests;
For your unfaithful and tepid priests;
For your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields.
For your tempted priests; for your lonely and desolate priests;
For your old and young priests; for your dying priests;
For the souls of your priests in Purgatory.
But above all, we recommend to you the priests dearest to us:
the priests who baptized us; the priests who absolved us from our sins;
the priests at whose Masses we participated and who gave us Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed us; all the priests to whom we are indebted in any other way. O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.



Prayer to Saint Joseph for this Year of St. Joseph by Pope Francis

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you, God entrusted His only Son, in you Mary placed her trust, with you Christ became man, Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.
St. Joseph, Watchful defender of Christ- *Pray for us.*
St. Joseph, Head of the Holy Family- *Pray for us.*



Prayer to our Lady of Guadalupe for an End to Coronavirus (USCCB, 2020)

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.
Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.
For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.
In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.
We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.



O Mary health of the Sick- Pray for us
O Mary help of Christians- Pray for us
O Mary Queen of our Families- Pray for us