

The Thirteen Days of St. Anthony (the Tredicina)

These prayers are to be prayed on thirteen consecutive Tuesdays, most especially on the Tuesdays that precede the Feast of St. Anthony (June 13). Most popularly, though, this devotion is made on the thirteen days preceding the Feast of St. Anthony – that is, from May 31 to June 12. The prayers and St. Bonaventure's Responsory of St. Anthony are on the last page.

First Day

O glorious St. Anthony, born under the protection of Mary Immaculate, on the Feast of her Assumption into Heaven and consecrated to her at a tender age; thou didst vanquish the demon by the Sign of the Cross, which thy finger impressed on the marble of the church where thou wert praying. Oh, we beseech thee, obtain for us a tender devotion to our Blessed Mother, and the strength to triumph over all the attacks on our infernal enemy.

Pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and St. Bonaventure's Miraculous Responsory of St. Anthony

Second Day

O glorious Saint! Thou didst escape from the dangers and temptations of the world by disdaining greatness, riches and the comforts of life, and by joining the Canons Regular of St. Augustine; we beseech thee, obtain for us detachment of the heart and a true contempt for the world.

Pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and St. Bonaventure's Miraculous Responsory of St. Anthony

Third Day

O glorious Saint! Thou didst feel a burning desire in thy youthful heart to suffer martyrdom for the faith, and for this purpose didst enter the Order of the Seraphic Saint Francis; we beseech thee, obtain for us the spirit of penance and mortification.

Pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and St. Bonaventure's Miraculous Responsory of St. Anthony

Fourth Day

O glorious Saint! Guided by sentiments of the most profound humility, thou didst all in thy power to hide thyself from the eyes of the world, when God suddenly made thee known as an ark of science and sanctity; we beseech thee, obtain for us the grace of practicing humility and of loving a life hidden in God.

Pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and St. Bonaventure's Miraculous Responsory of St. Anthony

Fifth Day

O glorious Saint! Chosen by God to preach His Word, thou didst receive from Him the gift of tongues, and the power of working the most extraordinary miracles; we beseech thee, obtain for us the grace to listen willingly to Divine inspirations and to hear with fruit the Word of God.

Pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and St. Bonaventure's Miraculous Responsory of St. Anthony

Sixth Day

O glorious Saint! Thy ardent love of God merited for thee the happy privilege of receiving and caressing in thy arms the Divine Infant Jesus; we beseech thee, obtain for us the grace of receiving Him in the Blessed Eucharist with love and fervent devotion.

Pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and St. Bonaventure's Miraculous Responsory of St. Anthony

Seventh Day

O glorious Saint! Thou didst confound the heretics and prove to them the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament by causing a dumb animal to kneel down and adore the Sacred Host; we beseech thee, obtain for us the grace of a lively faith in the Holy Eucharist.

Pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and St. Bonaventure's Miraculous Responsory of St. Anthony

Eighth Day

O glorious Saint! When men refused to come and hear the Word of God, thou didst call the fishes of the sea to the shore and preach to them; we beseech thee, obtain for us the perfect submission of our minds and hearts to Divine truths.

Pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and St. Bonaventure's Miraculous Responsory of St. Anthony

Ninth Day

O glorious Saint! As protector of the innocent, thou didst make a child only a few days old speak to save the honor of its mother; we beseech thee, obtain for us the grace of being strong and submissive to the Will of God in unjust persecutions and of preserving intact the peace and purity of our souls.

Pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and St. Bonaventure's Miraculous Responsory of St. Anthony

Tenth Day

O glorious Saint! Once, while preaching at Padua, thou didst find thyself at the same time at Lisbon, by a marvelous miracle, to defend thy father against calumny and to save him from death; we beseech thee, obtain for us the grace that we may pardon all injuries and love our enemies.

Pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and St. Bonaventure's Miraculous Responsory of St. Anthony

Eleventh Day

O glorious Saint! By thy prayers, thy zeal, and thy heavenly wisdom thou didst convert thousands of heretics and hardened sinners; we beseech thee, obtain for us the grace of true conversion, that we may give ourselves entirely to God.

Pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and St. Bonaventure's Miraculous Responsory of St. Anthony

Twelfth Day

O glorious Saint! In imitation of our Divine redeemer, thou didst spend thy life for the salvation of souls; we beseech thee, obtain for us the grace to become saints, to die a happy death, and to praise God forever with thee and all the saints and angels in Heaven.

Pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and St. Bonaventure's Miraculous Responsory of St. Anthony

Thirteenth Day

O glorious Saint! God has given thee the power of working miracles continually, and the favor of answering the prayers of those who invoke thy assistance in misfortune, anxiety, and distress; we beseech thee, obtain for us from Jesus, through Mary, His Blessed Mother, what we beg of thee so fervently and hopefully, if it be for the glory of God and the good of our souls.

Pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and St. Bonaventure's Miraculous Responsory of St. Anthony

The Prayers and Responory

Our Father

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and in the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

St. Bonaventure's "Miraculous Responory of St. Anthony"

If then you ask for miracles,
Death, error, all calamities,
The leprosy and demons fly,
And health succeeds infirmities.

The sea obeys, and fetters break,
And lifeless limbs thou dost restore,
Whilst treasures lost are found again,
When young and old thine aid implore.

All dangers vanish at thy prayer,
And direst need doth quickly flee;
Let those who know thy power proclaim,
Let Paduans say: "These are of thee."

The sea obeys, and fetters break,
And lifeless limbs thou dost restore,
Whilst treasures lost are found again,
When young and old thine aid implore.

To Father, Son, may glory be,
And Holy Spirit eternally.

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And lifeless limbs thou dost restore,
Whilst treasures lost are found again,
When young and old thine aid implore.

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

Let us pray. O God! May the votive commemoration of St. Anthony, Thy Confessor and Doctor, 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.