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**THE SUMMER NOVENA**  
TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP  
WITH THE THIRTEEN TUESDAYS OF ST. ANTHONY  
JUNE 14 – SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

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*One of the following Opening Hymns may be sung after the Last Gospel of the Mass:*

**O MOTHER OF  
PERPETUAL HELP**

*(may be sung to the melody of "On Jordan's  
Bank" or to its own melody)*

O Mother of Perpetual Help,  
To thee we come imploring help.  
: Behold us here, from far and  
near,  
To ask of thee our help to be. :

Perpetual help we beg of thee;  
Our souls from sin and sorrows  
free;  
: Direct our wandering feet aright,  
And be thyself our own true light. :

And, when this life is o'er for me,  
This last request I ask of thee:  
: Obtain for me in heaven this  
grace,  
To see my God there face to face. :



**MOTHER DEAREST,  
MOTHER FAIREST**

1. Mother dearest, Mother  
fairest,  
Help of all who call on thee,  
Virgin purest, brightest, rarest,  
Help us, help, we cry to thee.

***Refrain:***

Mary, help us, help we pray,  
Mary, help us, help we pray.  
Help us in all care and sorrow:  
Mary, help us, help we pray.

2. Help our priests, our virgins  
holy;  
Help our Church, bereft of aid,  
Pray that we who sing thy  
praises,  
May in heav'n all meet again.
3. Lady, help in pain and sorrow,  
Soothe those rack'd on beds of  
pain,  
May the golden light of morrow,  
Bring them health and joy again.

*The Celebrant kneels in front of  
the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help*

## PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

*Priest & People:* O Most holy Virgin Mary, / my Mother! / how sweet it is / to cast myself at thy feet / to implore thy perpetual help! / If mothers on earth / do not forget their children, / how couldst thou, / the most tender of Mothers, / forget me! / Grant me, / I beseech thee, / thy perpetual help / in my sorrows, / in my sufferings / and above all / in my temptations. / But since we are thy children, / I beseech thee, / to also grant thy perpetual aid / to all who suffer. / Help the weak, / cure the sick, / convert sinners, / comfort those poor mothers / who weep over their children. / Open the gates of heaven / to those who were dear to us / and who suffer in Purgatory. /

*(Here mention your own request)*

Grant / O Lady of Perpetual Help, / that having implored thy assistance here below, / we may see thee eternally in heaven. / Amen.

*Priest:* Thou hast been made for us, O Lady, a refuge.

*People:* **A helper in need and tribulation.**

*Priest:* Let us pray: O Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast given us Thy Mother Mary, whose renowned image we venerate, to be a Mother ever ready to help us; grant, we beseech Thee, that we who constantly implore her aid may

merit to enjoy perpetually the fruits of Thy Redemption, Who livest and reignest world without end.

*People:* Amen.

*Salve Antoni is sung as the Celebrant goes to St. Anthony's shrine.*

## SALVE ANTONI

1. Salve Antoni, dulcis Vena boni, Castitatis liliū. Te veneramur, Et deprecamur, Te Francisci filium.
2. Doctor Ecclesiae, Clarae memoriae, Amissorū repertor. Tibi oramus, Et te quaerimus, Optime consolator.
3. Tu Testamenti, Petro dictus arca, Scripturas aperiens. Tu Petentibus, Protege semper, Columen Ecclesiae.
4. Hereticorum, Malleus vocatus, Veritatem praedicans. Te nos orphanos, Patrem clamamus, Defensor Ecclesiae.

## THE MIRACULOUS RESPONSORY

*Recited at St. Anthony's shrine.*

*Priest:*

If miracles thou fain wouldst see:  
Lo! error, death, calamity,  
The leprous stain, the demon flies,  
From beds of pain the sick arise.

*People:*

**The sea withdraws and fetters break,  
And withered limbs he doth restore,  
While treasures lost are found again,  
When young or old his help implore.**

**Priest:** And perils perish; plenty's hoard  
Is heaped on hunger's famished board.  
Let those relate who know it well,  
Let Padua of her Patron tell.

**People:**  
**The sea withdraws and fetters break,  
And withered limbs he doth restore,  
While treasures lost are found again,  
When young or old his help implore.**

**Priest:**  
May glory to the Father be,  
And to the Son eternally,  
And Holy Ghost, in essence one,  
In Persons three, be honor done.

**People:**  
**The sea withdraws and fetters break,  
And withered limbs he doth restore,  
While treasures lost are found again,  
When young or old his help implore.**

V. Pray for us, O blessed Anthony,  
**R. That we may be made worthy  
of the promises of Christ.**

**Priest:** O God! let the votive  
commemoration of Blessed  
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.  
**R. Amen.**

*(Here mention your petition)*

## **ST. BONAVENTURE'S PRAYERS ON THE THIRTEEN PETITIONS OF THE RESPONSORY**

**June 14th** – St. Anthony, who  
raiseth the dead, pray for those  
Christians now in their agony and  
for our dear departed.

**June 21st** – St. Anthony, zealous  
preacher of the Gospel, fortify us  
against the errors of the enemies of  
God, and pray for the Church.

**June 28th** – St. Anthony, powerful  
with the Heart of Jesus, preserve  
us from the calamities which  
threaten us in account of our sins.

**July 5th** – St. Anthony, who  
drivest away devils, make us  
triumph over their snares.

**July 12th** – St. Anthony, lily of  
heavenly purity, purify us from the  
stains of the soul, and preserve our  
bodies from all danger.

**July 19th** – St. Anthony, healer of  
the sick, cure our diseases and  
preserve us in health.

**July 26th** – St. Anthony, guide of  
travellers, bring to safe harbour  
those who are in danger of  
perishing, and calm the troubled  
waves of passion which agitate our  
souls.

**August 2nd** – St. Anthony, liberator of captives, deliver us from the captivity of evil.

**August 9th** – St. Anthony, who restorest to young and old the use of their limbs, obtain for us the perfect use of the senses of our body and the faculties of our soul.

**August 16th** – St. Anthony, finder of lost things, help us to find all that we have lost in the spiritual and in the temporal order.

**August 23rd** – St. Anthony, protected by Mary, avert the dangers which threaten our body and our soul.

**August 30th** – St. Anthony, helper of the poor, help us in our needs and give bread and work to those who ask.

**September 6th** – St. Anthony, we thankfully proclaim thy miraculous power, and we beseech thee to protect us all the days of our life.

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

**Priest & People:** Holy Child Jesus / who didst flee / to the arms of thy Mother / for refuge / and appear in the arms of St. Anthony / to reward him; / grant us / we beseech thee / through the intercession of Our Mother of Perpetual Help / and St. Anthony / a sure refuge in this life /

and the reward of life everlasting, / who livest and reignest / world without end. / Amen.

*The Celebrant blesses the people with the relic of St. Anthony.*

*Saint of the Lowly is sung as the Closing Hymn following the blessing with the relic.*

### **SAINT OF THE LOWLY**

1. Saint of the lowly,  
Fount of sweetness holy,  
Anthony, thou purest one.  
With veneration,  
And supplication,  
We address thee, Francis' Son.
2. Doctor of law divine,  
Mem'ry renowned is thine.  
Helping us the lost to find.  
We pray thee ever,  
Thou failest never,  
Hail to thee, O Saint most kind.
3. Ark of the Testament,  
Called by the Pope himself.  
Preaching Holy Scripture's truth.  
We now beseech thee,  
Do thou protect us.  
Column of Cath'lic Truth.
4. Hammer of heretics,  
Errors all dispelling,  
Working miracles Divine.  
Today we're orphans,  
Seeking a father,  
Defender of Cath'lic Truth.