

The Great Novena To Our Lady of Fatima



Wonderful St. Anthony, I join with you now in your great devotion and prayer to Our Lady. Pray with me, Miracle Worker, so that I may receive the prayer request I ask of her.

Please pray this prayer to Our Lady of Fatima every day for nine days before her feast day.

O Mary who appeared at Fatima, pray for us who have recourse to you. Hear my prayers that are joined with those of St. Anthony, as together we pray:

Our Lady of Fatima, we pray for our country.
Our Lady of Fatima, make us holy and prayerful.
Our Lady of Fatima, make me more kind and thoughtful.
Our Lady of Fatima, guide and inspire those who govern us.
Our Lady of Fatima, cure the sick that I bring to you in prayer.
Our Lady of Fatima, console the sorrowful who trust in you.
Our Lady of Fatima, help those, like me, who invoke your help.
Our Lady of Fatima, deliver us from all anxiety.
Our Lady of Fatima, help us to resist temptation.
Our Lady of Fatima, obtain for us all that we ask of you.
Our Lady of Fatima, help those whom we love.
Our Lady of Fatima, remember my loved ones who have died.
Our Lady of Fatima, give the poor the food and shelter they need.
Our Lady of Fatima, protect the children of the world.
Our Lady of Fatima, give health and holiness to all those I love.
Our Lady of Fatima, obtain peace for the world.

Our Lady of Fatima, hear my prayer now joined with St. Anthony's, and obtain for me my prayer need (mention request).

O Christ of infinite goodness and mercy, fill our hearts with a great confidence in your dear Mother, whom we invoke under the title of Our Lady of Fatima, and grant us by her powerful intercession, all the graces, spiritual and temporal, which we need.

Amen.



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Dear *Friend*,

I received a telephone call one day, awhile back, from one of our local nursing facilities in the New York City area. The nurse on duty asked me if I could send a Friar to the facility to speak with an elderly lady who was in her last days of life. She said the woman was originally from Ireland and would love to see a Friar of Irish descent.

I knew exactly who to send. I asked Fr. Stephen to visit the woman and he left the house immediately. When he arrived at the nursing facility, he found Mary Patricia was resting in bed watching TV. When Fr. Stephen walked into the room, she immediately brightened up and gave him her full attention.

In the course of their conversation, Mary Pat, as she liked to be called, told the Friar that her greatest regret leaving her home last month was that she had left her rosary in the house and now, no one could find it for her. She tried to say her rosary without it, but now she kept falling asleep, and that bothered her. She told Fr. Stephen she had a very strong devotion to Our Lady of Fatima, and wanted to say the rosary every day in her honor.



Fr. Stephen smiled and told her how he also often falls asleep saying his rosary, and that he always heard that when that happened, the angels finish the rosary for you. He told Mary Pat, "Don't worry, you and I are keeping the angels praying full time!" Then the Friar removed his own rosary, the one the Friars wear from their cord, and gave it to Mary Pat.

She was speechless!

For the next two weeks, Fr. Stephen and Mary Pat prayed the rosary each day after lunch.



As time progressed, Mary Pat's health declined and "with her Friar's rosary" clutched tightly in her hand, Mary Pat went peacefully to God and to Our Lady of Fatima.

What a beautiful relationship Fr. Stephen and Mary Pat had, centered around Our Lady of Fatima, and praying the rosary, which is a wonderfully effective devotion.

As you join with the Franciscan Friars and begin this new Novena to Our Lady of Fatima, know that, like the prayers of Mary Pat joined with those of Fr. Stephen, the power of our joined prayers will be an effective way of receiving the help of the Mother of Us All, the Mother of God, and the Virgin of Fatima.

Your generous gift, joined with the prayers of this Fatima Novena, will also help us to care for our elderly Friars who have served so many for so long and to educate our young Friars for future ministry in the Church.

Your generous gift also helps us serve those who come to our doors each year for the basic necessities of life - items like food, clothing, toilet tissue, baby diapers and baby formula, and so many of the things we sometimes take for granted each day. Because of your generosity, we are able to serve over 2 million people who come to us asking for help each year! Your generosity will bring joy into the lives of so many families and children who lack many of these necessities of life.

Just like Our Lady of Fatima, you can be a helper in times of another's difficulties!

This wonderful Novena to Our Lady of Fatima is about to begin. I am counting on you to join us in prayer and devotion to the Virgin of Fatima who is there to help us with her presence, comfort us with her care and enfold us in her motherly, unconditional love.

Your great generosity along with this Novena will bring joy into the hearts and lives of so many people who are suffering from a lack of life's necessities. Join us as we begin the Novena to Our Lady of Fatima and, together with St. Anthony, feel the closeness and love of the Virgin of Fatima.

The Novena to Our Lady of Fatima will take place at Holy Name Friary in Ringwood, NJ starting on May 4th and ending on The Feast Day, May 13th, with a Mass in celebration to Our Lady of Fatima.

May all your prayer intentions come true,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Convertino", with a stylized cross or star symbol at the end.

Fr. David Convertino, OFM
Executive Director
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P.S. Please give generously to Our Lady of Fatima so the Franciscan Friars can continue our good works.

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