

HYMN AND VENERATION OF THE RELIC OF ST. ANTHONY

The Relic of St. Anthony having been placed on the Alter is incensed as the following hymn is sung or recited.

(Tune "Praise God Form Whom All Blessings Flow" or "Creator of the Stars of Night")

IF MIRICLES YOU WISH TO SEE;
LO, EROR, DEATH, CALAMITY,
THE LEPROUS STAIN, THE DEMON FLIES,
FROM BED'S OF PAIN THE SICK ARISE.

SEE PERILS PERISH, PLENTY'S HOARD
IS HEAPED ON HUNGER'S FAMISHED BOARD.
LET THOSE RELATE WHO KNOW IT WELL,
LET PADUA HER PATRON TELL.

THE HUNGER SEAS FOREGO THEIR PREY,
THE PRISONER'S CRUEL CHAINS GIVE WAY,
WHILE PALSIED LIMBS AND CHATTELS TOSSED,
BOTH YOUNG AND OLD FIND ALL THINGS LOST.

MAY GLORY TO THE FATHER BE
AND TO THE SON ETERNALLY
AND TO THE SPIRIT, THREE IN ONE,
IN PERFECT LOVE, BE HONOR DONE.

After the incensation the following is said:

C: PRAY FOR US ST. ANTHONY,

ALL: THAT WE BECOME WORTHY OF THE PROMISES OF CHRIST.

C: O GOD, ALMIGHTY FATHER, MAY OUR LOVING REMEMBRANCE OF YOUR
CONFESSOR AND DOCTOR, ST. ANTHONY, GIVE JOY TO THE CHURCH, MAY
WE BE SPIRITUALLY STRENGTHENED AND DESERVE EVERLASTING
HAPPINESS, WE PRAY THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD.

ALL: AMEN.

The Faithful are then blessed with the relic in silence or with the following blessing. Those who wish
Then come forward and kiss the relic while the closing hymn sung.

C: THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF THE ST. ANTHONY, CONFESSOR AND DOCTOR OF
THE CHURCH, MAY ALMIGHTY GOD BLESS YOU + THE FATHER, AND THE
SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.

ALL: AMEN

(This hymn or any seasonal hymn may be used.)

O tu di Padova mirabil Santo,
Di nostra, Italia tu sei il vanto
Accogli il cantico che innalzo a Te
O sant' Antonio, prega per noi.

Tu porgi al povero che pio ti prega
Quel pan che l'avidio mondo ali nega
Accogli il cantica innalzo a Te.
O sant' Antonio, prega per noi.

A quell tuo candido, celeste fiore
Rendi tu simile qesto mio cuora
Tu custodiscilo l'affido a Te
O sant' Antonio, prega per noi.

Fonte di grazia tua man disserra,
Dei tuoi miracoli pien'e la terra
Non v'e' chi partasi mesto da Te,
O sant' Antonio, prega per noi.

PRAYERS IN HONOR OF ST. ANTHONY

PRAYER AND LITANY

ALL: O GLORIOUS ST. ANTHONY, SAFE REFUGE OF THE AFFLICTED AND DISTRESSED, WHO BY A MIRACULOUS REVELATION HAVE DIRECTED ALL THOSE WHO SEEK AID TO COME TO YOUR ALTER. ENCOURAGED BY THIS PROMISE, I COME TO YOU, O POWERFUL SAINT, AND WITH A FIRM HOPE I IMPOSE YOUR AID, YOUR PROTECTION, YOUR COUNSEL, AND YOUR BLESSING.

OBTAIN FOR ME, I BESEECH YOU, MY REQUEST IN THIS NECESSITY (all pause In silence to offer their requests) BUT IF IT SHOULD BE OPPOSED TO THE WILL OF GOD AND WELFARE OF MY SOUL, OBTAIN SUCH DIVINE GRACE AS SHALL BE CONDUCIVE TO MY SALVATION AND THOSE FOR WHOM I PRAY, THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD, AMEN.

C: ST. ANTHONY, OUR PATRON AND ADVOCATE:

ALL: BESEECH THE LORD FOR ME.

C: ST. ANTHONY, POWERFUL IN THE WORD AND WORK:

ALL: BESEECH THE LORD FOR ME.

C: ST. ANTHONY, GLORY OF THE CHURCH AND HONOR OF THE FRANCISAN ORDER:

ALL: BESEECH THE LORD FOR ME.

C: ST. ANTHONY, ALWAYS READY TO HELP THOSE WHO INVOKE YOU:

ALL: BESEECH THE LORD FOR ME.

C: LET US PRAY

ALL: O GOD, WHO DESIGNED TO CHOOSE ST. ANTHONY AS A MODEL OF ALL VIRTUES FOR THE BLESSING OF ALL MANKIND, MAY SOULS HAVE COME TO YOU THROUGH THE PREACHING AND GOOD EXAMPLE OF THIS FOLLOWER OF ST. FRANCIS. GRANT BY HIS MERITS AND INTERCESSION THAT WE BE TRULY CONVERTED, RENOUNCE ALL SIN, AND BECOME MORE PLEASING TO YOU BY PRACTICING CHRIST'S DIVINE COMMANDMENT OF LOVE, WE ASK THIS THROUGH THE SAME CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN