

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

(adapted from a prayer by Father Francesco Patton, OFM, Custos of the Holy Land)

Opening prayer: O glorious Saint Anthony, we invoke your help in this time when COVID-19 afflicts our world. Relying on your patronage of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land and the intercession of our Holy Father Saint Francis, we make these prayers.

Petitions:

- St. Anthony, intercede for our world: for healing of all victims of the pandemic and courage and protection for all caregivers.
- St. Anthony, continue to shower upon us those blessings drawn from the heart of the Child Jesus, whom you lovingly hold in your arms.
- St. Anthony, beg from Christ the grace to serve faithfully as custodians of his Cradle and his Tomb, and as ministers among the Living Stones of the Holy Land.
- St. Anthony, responding to the intention of the Holy Father and with the example of Franciscans throughout the ages, we again entrust ourselves to you as Patron of the Custody of the Holy Land.
- St. Anthony, ask of God to grant our prayers for our families and friends, in particular for _____.

Closing prayer: O glorious Saint Anthony, we render humble thanks to God for the good obtained through your prayers for our Franciscan family over the centuries, both for the spiritual health of souls and for the conservation of the places of our Redemption. In all this we give praise to God, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

