

St. Anthony's Garland

First Day – Sunflower of Conformity

I salute thee, Blessed Anthony, in the name of the Queen of Heaven, and of all the angels and saints! I thank Almighty God for bestowing on thee, as on them, the grace to be ever submissive to His holy will. I beseech thee to approach the throne of God, in company with this glorious Lady and the heavenly hosts, and by your united prayers and merits obtain for me my petition. (Our Father. Hail Mary. Gloria.)

Second Day – Narcissus of Knowledge

I salute thee, blessed Anthony, in the name of all the patriarchs and prophets! I thank the good God for bestowing on thee, as on them, the gift of knowledge and of foreseeing future events. I beseech thee to approach the throne of God, in company with the holy patriarchs and prophets, and by your united prayers and merits obtain for me my petition. (Our Father. Hail Mary. Gloria.)

Third Day – Carnation of Love

I salute thee, blessed Anthony, in the name of all the Apostles and disciples of Christ! I thank the most merciful Lord for the great grace bestowed on thee, as on them, when He chose thee to proclaim the Holy Gospel and spread Christian charity. I beseech thee to approach the throne of God, in company with the holy Apostles and disciples, and by your united prayers and merits obtain for me my petition. (Our Father. Hail Mary. Gloria.)

Fourth Day – Rose of Patience

I salute thee, blessed Anthony, in the name of all the martyrs and confessors! I thank our dear Lord for bestowing on thee, as on

them, the grace of being ever willing to endure persecution for His sake and to shed thy blood for Him. I beseech thee to approach the throne of God, in company with the holy martyrs and confessors, and by your united prayers and merits obtain for me my petition. (Our Father. Hail Mary. Gloria.)

Fifth Day – Marigold of Mildness

I salute thee, blessed Anthony, in the name of all holy bishops and priests! I thank the most gracious Lord for the power bestowed on thee, as on them, to convert innumerable sinners to Christ by thy preaching and good example. I beseech thee to approach the throne of God, in company with the holy bishops and priests, and by your united prayers and merits obtain for me my petition. (Our Father. Hail Mary. Gloria.)

Sixth Day – Gentian of Meekness

I salute thee, blessed Anthony, in the name of all holy monks and hermits! I thank the most high God for bestowing on thee, as on them, the grace to spend thy life in fasting, watching, mortification and prayer. I beseech thee to approach the throne of God, in company with the holy monks and hermits, and by your united prayers and merits obtain for me my petition. (Our Father. Hail Mary. Gloria.)

Seventh Day – Lily of Purity

I salute thee, blessed Anthony, in the name of all virgins and holy innocents! I thank the most loving Lord for bestowing on thee, as on them, the grace to keep thy purity unsullied and to overcome the desires of the flesh. I beseech thee to approach the throne of God, in company with the virgins and holy innocents, and by your united prayers and merits obtain for me my petition. (Our Father. Hail Mary. Gloria.)

Eighth Day – Violet of Humility

I salute thee, blessed Anthony, in the name of all the holy widows and spouses! I thank the good God for bestowing on thee, as on them, the many and beautiful virtues which adorned thy life. I beseech thee to approach the throne of God, in company with the holy widows and spouses, and by your united prayers and merits, obtain for me my petition. (Our Father. Hail Mary. Gloria.)

Ninth Day – Iris of Friendship

I salute thee, blessed Anthony, in the name of all devout persons still living! I thank the dear Lord for bestowing on thee as on them His infinite love and the riches of His grace. I beseech, by all the blessings thou hast received, and by the joy Our Saviour took in thy faithful service, to beg of Him to grant my petition, for His and thy greater honor and glory and the comfort of my sorrowful soul. (Our Father. Hail Mary. Gloria.)