

THE SAINT ANTHONY ROSARY OF HEALING

Son of David, have pity on me! This was the cry of the wayside blind man, shouted out to Jesus. It is also, according to Saint Anthony, our proper prayer as Christians. Why should that be so?



Saint Anthony, the Doctor of the Gospel, often preached about the name *David*, which he understood to mean *merciful* (*Sermones, Prologue*). The blind man's cry, then, is one that begs Jesus' mercy. Saint Anthony explained how this mercy irrigates the heart when Christ, the divine gardener, waters the gardens of our souls. We Christians seek—like King David—to do penance, to have our hearts refreshed by the Lord, and to experience healing from the Merciful Son.

This **Saint Anthony Rosary of Healing** brings together two traditional Christian spiritual practices: the Catholic discipline of immersion in the Scriptures through *lectio divina* and the Orthodox use of *chotki* prayer beads for recitation of the Jesus Prayer. By opening the Gospels and begging Christ's pity, may we come to know His healing mercy in our lives.

FIRST DECADE: JESUS HEALS THE BLIND. READ 1: MK. 10:46-52; MT. 20:29-34; LK. 18:35-42

Prayer said on the Our Father bead:

Saint Anthony, Doctor of the Gospel, pray for me to see goodness.

Prayer said on the Hail Mary beads:

Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!

SECOND DECADE: JESUS HEALS THE DEAF & MUTE READ 1: MK. 7:31-37; MT. 9:32-33; LK. 11:14

Prayer said on the Our Father bead:

Saint Anthony, Doctor of the Gospel, pray for me to hear truth and speak justice.

Prayer said on the Hail Mary beads:

Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!

THIRD DECADE: JESUS HEALS THE LAME READ 1: MK. 2:1-12; MT. 9:1-8; LK. 5:17-26

Prayer said on the Our Father bead:

Saint Anthony, Doctor of the Gospel, pray for me to walk humbly.

Prayer said on the Hail Mary beads:

Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!

FOURTH DECADE: JESUS HEALS THE SUFFERING READ 1: MK. 7:24-30; MT. 9:32-33; LK. 8:40-55

Prayer said on the Our Father bead:

Saint Anthony, Doctor of the Gospel, pray for me to savor relief.

Prayer said on the Hail Mary beads:

Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!

FIFTH DECADE: JESUS HEALS THE SICK READ 1: MK. 1:29-31; MT. 8:14-16; LK. 4:38-39

Prayer said on the Our Father bead:

Saint Anthony, Doctor of the Gospel, pray for me to get up and serve others.

Prayer said on the Hail Mary beads:

Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!

FINAL PRAYERS: JESUS HEALS US READ 1: MK. 3:10; MT. 15:29-31; LK. 4:40

Prayer said on the Our Father bead:

Saint Anthony, Doctor of the Gospel, pray for me to find healing of {insert your personal intention}.

Prayer said on the 3 Hail Mary beads:

Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!

Prayer on the final bead:

Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

