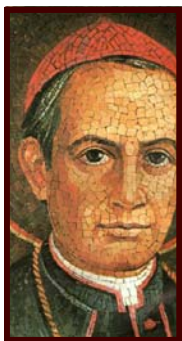


Prayer To Saint Anthony Claret



In sincere veneration I come to you glorious, Saint Anthony Claret. You are a great friend of God, a model of Purity, of zeal, of justice, and a powerful intercessor before God. Intercede with God for me and obtain for me these favors: that I may be truly aware of my sins and deeply repent them; that I may love Jesus and Mary with a burning love; that I may steadfastly keep the commandments of God; and that I may faithfully perform the duties of my state of life. Take my troubles to heart, and help me particularly in my present necessities. Save me from all dangers during life, and help me at the hour of my death, that I may safely reach heaven, to be with you forever and ever. Amen.

*Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory.
(Three times)*

O my God and my Father, grant that I may know you and make you known, love you and bring others to love you, serve you and persuade others to serve you, praise you and work that all your creatures praise you. Grant, my Father, that all sinners be converted, all the just persevere in grace, and all of us reach eternal glory. Amen.

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Father, you endowed Anthony Claret with the strength of love and patience to preach the Gospel to many nations. By the help of his prayers may we work generously for your kingdom and gain our brothers and sisters for Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Your Novena offering helps our courageous missionaries continue to spread God's love, touch the human heart and transform the human race. God bless you for your help.

How can I share in the Gospel life and mission of the Claretians?

Your Prayers

Your daily prayers sustain us in our missionary labors as we seek all things in the greater glory of God, our own personal growth in holiness, and the salvation of the whole human race.

Your Sacrifice

Your donations, whether large or small, go to support our ministries and work at home and abroad, educate missionary seminarians around the world, and care for our infirm and senior members.

Your Vocation

Come, join us as a volunteer, or for life. Vocation Office: 626-716-6143.

Your Will

A bequest in your will is a personal legacy that will continue the mission of Jesus in time and human history, and make a difference in other's lives according to the measure that you yourself will have chosen. To remember us in your will, simply use the following title as a beneficiary:

Claretian Missionaries

Western Province, Inc.

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San Gabriel, CA 92776

626-289-2009

E:mail: usawestprov@earthlink.net

Website: www.claretian.com



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*Anthony Claret,
you had Christ living in you,
make our hearts burn with the zeal that yours did,
with the fire of God's love!*



Through his intercession, may God kindle your zeal, heal your hurts, and bless you and your loved ones with every good thing.

Setting Hearts on Fire

St. Anthony Mary Claret (1807-1870), ordained in 1835 was a man on fire with God's love and who desired to set the world ablaze with the same love. Every October millions unite to give thanks to God for the gift of St. Anthony Claret and the mission that he shares with all of us. His presence among us renews us and spurs us on to be missionary evangelizer's. His missionary spirit continues to call forth new generations to respond to the most urgent needs of our times.

St. Anthony Mary Claret ~ A Beacon of Hope



Moved by Old Testament Prophets and on Jesus' own missionary life, Claret understood that his call was to a life of evangelical poverty, missionary availability and total dedication to proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom. The Blessed Virgen Mary was a very important part of his mission and Claret would say that he was formed in the "forge" of her maternal heart. Claret believed that Mary would strengthen him to confront evil and injustice in the World.

At age 12, he became a weaver and his mind was soon preoccupied with creating new designs. During his youth he devoted his spare time to study and become proficient in Latin, French, and engraving. It was during these years that Claret was transformed from a man consumed by his work to a man consumed by God. Eventually, God gave him the grace to preach hundreds of missions and retreats as well as to create innovative forms of evangelization, such as a religious publishing house, lay associations dedicated to transforming society with the Gospel, and credit unions form the poor.

Responding To His Call

Truly a servant of the Word, Claret responded to his call by becoming an itinerant preacher throughout Spain, the Canary Islands, and even as Archbishop of Cuba. His passion for Jesus Christ and his outspokenness on behalf of the oppressed led to thirteen attempts on his life. He composed a "pen portrait" of the ideal missionary, an ideal he strove to live himself and one he left as a legacy for all who would come to share his spirit and mission.

Novena Prayer



St. Anthony Mary Claret, during your life on earth you offered compassion to the afflicted, strength to the sick and hope to those seeking God. Guide and comfort me, and all who are dear to me, on our journey of life. May the same grace that filled the Blessed Virgen Mary, and you as her child, fill me with the love and confidence I need to face all the challenges of my life. Watch over me as you did those under your care as missionary, archbishop and founder. Let me learn from your tireless zeal how to live, work and die for the Lord. I turn my cares over to God and move forward with the same hope that sustained you in this life and led you to eternity. Amen.

*St. Anthony Mary Claret,
Pray for us!*



God, you have called and sent me into a world where only one in three have come to know your Son, Jesus Christ. After two thousand years there are still vast geographical, cultural and social areas where he and his Gospel have not yet been proclaimed. Fill me with an abundant share of the zeal and charity of St. Anthony Mary Claret whose spirit is for the whole world!

Bless me with his virtues and grant me the graces I need, especially those I seek through his intercession in this Novena.

Please notify us of any special favors received through the intercession of St. Anthony Claret.

