

PRAYER TO S. ANTHONY

O great Father of the Desert, who wast tormented by the Prince of Hell and didst endure for love of Christ, grant unto us the same love and the grace to withstand the temptations of the Wicked One, who had cause to tremble at the sound of thy name, O humble Anthony. Come to our aid when we call upon thee, and be thou a terror to the citizens of Hell and rescue us at the hour of darkness. Pray thou also for the subjugation of the whole world unto the Kingdom of Heaven, where thou art a prince, and dost live in everlasting glory with the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen



ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT ABBOT

FEAST DAY:
17 JANUARY

COLLECT

May the intercession of blessed Anthony the Abbot make us acceptable unto Thee, O Lord, we pray; that what we may not have through any merits of ours, we may gain by means of his patronage. **T**hrough Our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who Liveth and Reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen

BIOGRAPHY

When Anthony of Egypt entered a church and heard the words of the Gospel, "If you will be perfect, go, sell all that you have and give to the poor," he took them as if said to him personally, thinking that this is how Christ should be obeyed. And so, having sold his family possessions and distributed the money to the poor, he withdrew to the vast solitudes of Egypt. He was so fired with zeal for all virtues that, whenever he saw anyone praiseworthy for excelling in any virtue, he strove to imitate him. None was more disciplined than he, none more watchful. He was so great a terror to the demons that many persons throughout Egypt who were troubled by them were set free merely by invoking Anthony's name. And so, famous for his holiness and his miracles, when he had drawn innumerable other men and women to follow his example, he departed this life in the hundred and fifth Year of his age, on January 17.