

Opening Prayer at Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Opening Prayer at the start the Pilgrimage Walk

O God, who brought your servant Abraham out of the land of the Chaldeans, protecting him in his wanderings, who guided the Hebrew people across the desert, we ask that you watch over us, your servants, as we walk in the love of your name through the island of Manhattan to the shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Be for us our companion on the walk,
Our guide at the crossroads,
Our breath in our weariness,
Our protection in danger,
Our shade in the heat,
Our light in the darkness,
Our consolation in our discouragements,
And our strength in our intentions.

So that with your guidance we may arrive safe and sound at the end of the road and enriched with grace and virtue, return safely to our homes filled with joy.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, pray for us.

Saint Patrick, pray for us.

Saint Peter, pray for us.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us.

Our Lady of the Way, pray for us.

Prayer at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church

Prayer to Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Patron of Youth

Dear Christian youth, you were a faithful follower of Christ in the Society of Jesus. You steadily strove for perfection while generously serving the plague-stricken. Help our youth today who are faced with a plague of false cults and false gods. Show them how to harness their energies and to use them for their own and others' fulfillment—which will redound to the greater glory of God. Amen.

Prayer at St. Ignatius Loyola Church

Prayer for Generosity St. Ignatius of Loyola

Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God,
Teach me true generosity.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve.
To give without counting the cost,
To fight heedless of wounds,
To labor without seeking rest,
To sacrifice myself without thought of any reward
Save the knowledge that I have done your will.
Amen.

Prayer at St. Francis Xavier Church

Prayer to St. Francis Xavier

Help me become a hero—

One who executes both spiritual and physical feats;

One who gives himself up to be a part of something greater;

One who departs on a journey and returns changed.

Help me to emphasize the magis—

One who does his best in every area;

One who strives to be great in all aspects of his life.

Help me become a person with and for others—

One who respects himself as well as others;

One who performs deeds not for himself, but for others.

Help me become a leader—

One who persuades others to do the right thing;

One who guides others through action, not talk.

We pray to you for help, St. Francis Xavier.

Amen.

Prayer at the World Trade Center Memorial

St. Ignatius of Loyola's Prayer

O Christ Jesus

When all is darkness

And we feel our weakness and helplessness,

Give us the sense of Your Presence,

Your Love and Your Strength.

Help us to have perfect trust

In Your protecting love

And strengthening power,

So that nothing may frighten or worry us,

For, living close to You,

We shall see Your Hand,

Your Purpose, Your Will through all things.

Amen

Prayer at the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Prayer for the Marginalized

For those deprived of their human needs and their human rights, that they may be given the dignity which God confers on all His people;

We pray to the Lord

For all who are forgotten or thrown away, and especially for the poor, the sick, and the aged, that God might change our hearts and move us to love them as the image of Christ;

We pray to the Lord

For all who are lonely or afraid, for teenagers on the street, old people in nursing homes, prisoners with no one to visit them, and all whom the world has forgotten,

that Christ might lead us to them;

We pray to the Lord

For all who are forgotten or cast off, that we might value each human life, as a priceless gift from God;

We pray to the Lord