

Saint Xavier High School Parent Prayer Group

December 15, 2023

Attribute - God of Revelation

Praise: Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

Repentance: John 14:4-7

"Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." (silent reflection)

Thanksgiving: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

But you, remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known sacred scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

Litany of Thanks: Today I give thanks for . . . [personal intention of thanksgiving]

Intercession: Psalm 19:2-5a

The heavens declare the glory of God; the firmament proclaims the works of his hands. Day unto day pours forth speech; night unto night whispers knowledge. There is no speech, no words; their voice is not heard; A report goes forth through all the earth, their messages, to the ends of the world.

(personal intentions)

Intentions: Almighty God, you have done great things for us. We recall your goodness and pray:

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

We give thanks to God for revealing himself to us: in the glory of His creation, in the perfection of His written word, in His still small voice, and in the forgiveness of sin through his son Jesus. We pray to the Lord. **Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

We ask the Holy Spirit to give us wisdom and discernment in motherhood. Help us to ponder like Mary and make time for daily prayer and thanksgiving. Help us to gain a better understanding of God's will for our lives and how to guide our children. We pray to the Lord. **Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray that the young men of St. X grow in wisdom and stature like Your Son. Surround them with a hedge of protection. Help them to know they are loved by their families and by You. Give them discernment to make careful choices with You in mind, and to pursue a path that honors and glorifies You.

Help the students stay focused and energized as they are engaged in midterm exams. We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for St. X teachers, faculty, staff, and volunteers. Holy Spirit, grant them an abundance of peace and wisdom as they finish the semester and administer exams. We lift up Amy Sample and Paul Colistra, and all faculty and staff. Give them strength and peace in all circumstances. We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are buried at Meadowview Cemetery, the intentions in the St. X prayer book and for all the special intentions of our St. X community. We pray to the Lord. ***Response: Lord, hear our prayer.***

We pray for the respect and the acknowledged sanctity of life from conception to natural death. We ask the Lord to protect the clients, staff and volunteers of the Little Way Pregnancy Center. We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

We ask you Lord to grant peace and comfort to those impacted by the horrors of violence in our city and war in our world. Transform the hearts of the oppressors, so they come to know the forgiveness and repentance only found in Jesus Christ your Son. We pray to the Lord. **Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for Father Anthony Vinson and our parish priests. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom and strength they need to boldly follow in the footsteps of Jesus. We pray to the Lord. ***Response: Lord, hear our prayer.***

Prayer for Students and Parents

Heavenly Father, You know the students and parents that are struggling and in crisis.

We ask you to lift their burdens, calm their anxiety and quiet their fears.

Surround them with your healing presence so they may know they are not alone.

Holy Spirit, comfort them in their weakness.

Give them strength when it feels like they cannot take another step.

Reassure them of the unconditional love of the Father.

Inspire their peers and other people to show compassion and support through their challenges. In Jesus' mighty name we pray. Amen

The righteous cry out, the Lord hears, and he rescues them from all their afflictions. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted, saves those whose spirit is crushed. Psalm 34:18-20a

A prayer for the end of the year

Heavenly Father, In the weeks ahead, help us to make time to read your word in prayer. We ask you to send the Holy Spirit to guide us in truth and reveal to us how to use our gifts to serve you. Give us ears to hear your voice and respond to your promptings. When the unexpected happens, grant us your peace, patience, and joy regardless of the circumstances. Be with us in our suffering and help us to comfort one another. Protect us as we travel near and far during Christmas vacation. We ask this through Christ our Lord Amen.