

Saint Xavier High School Parent Prayer Group

October 20, 2023

Attribute - God of Obedience

Praise: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with your whole heart, and with your whole being, and with your whole strength. Take to heart these words which I command you today. Keep repeating them to your children. Recite them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you get up. Bind them on your arm as a sign and let them be as a pendant on your forehead. Write them on the doorposts of your houses and on your gates.

Repentance: Revelation 3:3

Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.
[silent reflection]

Thanksgiving: Romans 6:17-18

But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

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

Intercession: John 14:15-21

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live, and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.” (personal intentions)

Intentions: Almighty God, you have done great things for us. We recall your goodness and pray: **Response: Lord, hear our prayer**

Lord, we thank you and praise you for giving us instruction on how to best love and serve you. Holy Spirit, we humbly ask you to guide our thoughts, our words, and our steps so we can be obedient to the Lord's commands and live a life pleasing to God.

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. Today we lift up Mr. Andy Meirose's D and E Ethics classes (names attached). 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 patience and wisdom each day. May their instruction teach the students to be disciples of Jesus. We lift up Amy Sample and Paul Colistra, and the Flik employees (names attached). Give them strength and peace in all circumstances. We pray to the Lord. **Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the families of those 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 bring peace and comfort to those impacted by the horrors of war. 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, our parish priests, and pastors. 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. *(share a name)* We pray to the Lord. **Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

CCC 144a To obey (*from the Latin ob-audire, to "hear or listen to"*) in faith is to submit freely to the word that has been heard, because its truth is guaranteed by God, who is Truth itself.

A Prayer to Walk in Obedience

Heavenly Father, Just as You command children to obey their parents, You command us, Your children to obey You. I want to make wise decisions that honor and please You. Please grant me your grace to empower me to trust and obey You. Strengthen my faith and renew my heart. Please give me a hunger for Your Word so that my mind can be transformed. Enable me to say no to the world and the flesh and yes to You. Thank You for finishing the work You have begun in me.

In Jesus' name, amen.

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 34:18-20