

Saint Xavier High School Parent Prayer Group

October 6, 2023

Attribute - God of Life

Praise: Psalm 139:13-16

You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works! My very self you know. My bones are not hidden from you, When I was being made in secret, fashioned in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw me unformed; in your book all are written down; my days were shaped, before one came to be.

Repentance: John 6:32-35

So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst. [silent reflection]

Thanksgiving: Psalm 36:8-10

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of Adam take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the rich food of your house; from your delightful stream you give them drink. For with you is the fountain of life, and in your light, we see light.

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

Intercession: John 14:4-6

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. (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 life and giving us the opportunity to have eternal life through your son Jesus Christ. Holy Spirit, we humbly ask you to guide our thoughts, our words and our steps so we can 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 Mrs. Vessels' E and H Christology classes (names attached) We pray to the Lord. ***Response: Lord, hear our prayer.***

We pray for St. X teachers, faculty, staff and volunteers. 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 Advancement Department (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 peace and comfort to those in our St. X community and our city grieving the loss of a loved one. Draw them near to you. 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.***

Prayer to Honor the Gift of Life

https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/prayers_reflections/prayer-to-honor-the-gift-of-life-2/

O God, source of all life and goodness, you fashion human lives in your image and likeness, and through your love, give each human life dignity, sacredness, and priceless worth; awaken in every heart new reverence for the least of your children, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of human life at all stages, and in all conditions. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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