

## **Saint Xavier High School Parent Prayer Group**

August 18, 2023

### **Attribute - God of Evangelization**

#### **Praise: Acts 13:47-49**

*For the Lord has commanded us, 'I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth. The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region.*

#### **Repentance: Romans 10:9-11**

*If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. For the scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." [silent reflection]*

#### **Thanksgiving: 1 Peter 3:15-16**

*Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame.*

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

#### **Intercession: Matthew 28:18-20**

*Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (personal intentions)*

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

We thank you Lord Jesus for dying on the cross for our sins. Give us a gentle spirit to show love to others and see them as you see them. Help us to be more like you in our every day lives. When it is your will, empower us to share our faith to bring more people to know you and your promise of eternal life in Christ. 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 our freshman, transfer students and all the students seeking new friendships. 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, 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. (family/friends of Clint Glasscock StX 1989) Draw them near to you. We pray to the Lord. **Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our St X graduates as they leave for college or start new careers. Lord, inspire them to live a Christ-centered life. Put people in their path to encourage them to love and serve you all the days of their lives. 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.**

### **From USCCB.org on Evangelization**

**Why do we Evangelize?** We must evangelize because the Lord Jesus commanded us to do so. He gave the Church the unending task of evangelizing as a restless power, to stir and to stimulate all its actions until all nations have heard his Good News and until every person has become his disciple. The Lord commanded us to evangelize because salvation is offered to every person in him. More than a holy figure or a prophet, Jesus is God's Word, God's "very imprint," the power and wisdom of God. He is our Savior. Becoming like us and accepting our human nature, he addresses in himself, in his death and resurrection, the brokenness of our lives.

**How do we evangelize?** There are familiar ways by which evangelization happens: by the way we live God's love in our daily life; by the love, example, and support people give each other; by the ways parents pass faith on to their children; in our life as Church, through the proclamation of the Word and the wholehearted celebration of the saving deeds of Jesus; in renewal efforts of local and national scope; in the care we show to those most in need; and in the ways we go about our work, share with our neighbors, and treat the stranger. In daily life, family members evangelize each other; men and women, their future spouses; and workers, their fellow employees, by the simple lives of faith they lead. Through the ordinary patterns of our Catholic life, the Holy Spirit brings about conversion and a new life in Christ.