

Saint Xavier High School Parent Prayer Group

September 1, 2023

Attribute - God of New Beginnings

Praise: Isaiah 43:18-19

Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the wilderness I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers.

Repentance: Ezekiel 11:19-20

*“And I will give them **another heart and a new spirit** I will put within them. From their bodies I will remove the hearts of stone, and give them hearts of flesh, so that they walk according to my statutes, taking care to keep my ordinances. Thus, they will be my people, and I will be their God.” [silent reflection]*

Thanksgiving: Lamentations 3:22-26

*The LORD’s acts of mercy are not exhausted, his compassion is not spent; They are **renewed each morning**— great is your faithfulness! The LORD is my portion, I tell myself, therefore I will hope in him. The LORD is good to those who trust in him, to the one that seeks him; It is good to hope in silence for the LORD’s deliverance.*

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

Intercession: Isaiah 40:28-31

The LORD is God from of old, creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary, and his knowledge is beyond scrutiny. He gives power to the faint, abundant strength to the weak. Though young men faint and grow weary, and youths stagger and fall, They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar on eagles’ wings; They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint. (personal intentions)

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

Lord you teach us in your word that your mercies are new each day. Help us to extend this mercy to others. Help us to spend time with you each morning thanking and praising you for your blessings. 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 also lift up sophomores in Mr. Meirose's A, G & 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 the members of St. X Academic Administration and the Board of Directors. (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 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.**

At the Beginning of the Day

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O God, I find myself at the beginning of another day.

I do not know what it will bring. Please help me to be ready for whatever it may be.

If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. If I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly.

I pray just for today, for these twenty-four hours, for the ability to cooperate with others according to the way Jesus taught us to live. "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." May these words that he taught us become more than words.

Please free my thinking and feelings and the thinking and feelings of others, from all forms of self-will, self-centeredness, dishonesty, and deception.

Along with my brothers and sisters, I need this freedom to make my choices today according to your desires. Send the Holy Spirit to inspire me in time of doubt and indecision so that, together, we can walk along your path.

I pray this in Jesus name. Amen

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