

Saint Xavier High School Parent Prayer Group

September 29, 2023

Attribute - God of Compassion

Praise: Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the LORD, my soul; all my being, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, my soul; and do not forget all his gifts, Who pardons all your sins, and heals all your ills, Who redeems your life from the pit, and crowns you with mercy and compassion, Who fills your days with good things, so your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Repentance: Ephesians 4:30-32

And do not grieve the holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption. All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ. [silent reflection]

Thanksgiving: 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and God of all encouragement, who encourages us in our every affliction, so that we may be able to encourage those who are in any affliction with the encouragement with which we ourselves are encouraged by God. For as Christ's sufferings overflow to us, so through Christ does our encouragement also overflow.

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

Intercession: Phillipians 2:1-4

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also everyone for those of others. (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 your love and compassion. Holy Spirit we humbly ask you to give us a heart filled with compassion for others. Let us see people how you see them, so we can love them the way you love them. 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. Schork's Christology A, D, & E 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 Admissions 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 young men attending and leading the Christian Awakening Retreat as well as the faculty members facilitating the retreat September 26 through 29 (names attached). 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. (we lift up the family and friends of Robert Davis father of freshman Will Davis) 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 for Compassion

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Dear Heavenly Father, help me to be gentle towards every person I encounter today, in thought, word and deed. May I recognize that others are facing difficult circumstances which I know nothing about. Oh Lord, that others would encounter You when they meet me today! Still my thoughts, bridle my tongue and open my heart. Fill me with a spirit of forgiveness and generosity. As it be Your will Lord, place the words in my mouth that others need to hear today. Help me to share Your unfailing compassion with all people, especially those with whom I live and work. In Your Mighty Name I pray, Amen.

Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. – Lamentations 3:22-23

Prayer for Lost Children

Lord, in Jesus' name, help my son/daughter to find their way to you and turn from his/her sins. May they sense your presence surrounding them with peace, joy, and hope. Protect them Lord while you guide them back into your loving arms. Give me strength and an abundance of compassion for them in all situations. Fill me with hope for them and help me to trust you with their future. In Jesus' mighty name we pray. Amen