

Saint Xavier High School Parent Prayer Group

September 8, 2023

Attribute - God our Protector

Praise: Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and steadfast; have no fear or dread of them, for it is the Lord, your God, who marches with you; he will never fail you or forsake you.

Repentance: 1 Corinthians 10:13

No trial has come to you but what is human. God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it. [silent reflection]

Thanksgiving: Psalm 37:4

Therefore, every loyal person should pray to you in time of distress. Though flood waters threaten, they will never reach him. You are my shelter; you guard me from distress, with joyful shouts of deliverance, you surround me.

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

Intercession: Psalm 91:1-7, 10-11

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shade of the Almighty, Say to the LORD, "My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust. "He will rescue you from the fowler's snare, from the destroying plague, He will shelter you with his pinions, and under his wings you may take refuge; his faithfulness is a protecting shield. You shall not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day, Nor the pestilence that roams in darkness, nor the plague that ravages at noon. Though a thousand fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, near you it shall not come. No evil shall befall you, no affliction come near your tent. For he commands his angels with regard to you, to guard you wherever you go. (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 protection. We humbly ask you to protect and watch over our families. Remind us each morning and evening to say prayers of protection. 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 sophomores in Mrs. Meirose's 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 those serving in Administrative Staff positions (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. (we lift up the family and friends of Albert C. Horton class of 1962) 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.***

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Battle against Evil - Ephesians 6:10-18

Finally, draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power.

Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens.

Therefore, put on the armor of God, that you may be able to resist on the evil day and, having done everything, to hold your ground.

So, stand fast with your loins girded in truth, clothed with righteousness as a breastplate, and your feet shod in readiness for the gospel of peace. In all circumstances, hold faith as a shield, to quench the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times. Pray with all kinds of

prayers, and ask for everything you need. To do this you must always be ready. Never give up. Always pray for all God's people.