

## St. Xavier Parent Prayer Group

November 17, 2023

### God of Thanksgiving

#### **Praise: Isaiah 12:4-5**

*And on that day, you will say, "Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name. Make known His deeds among the peoples; make them remember that His name is exalted." Praise the LORD in song, for He has done glorious things; let this be known throughout the earth.*

#### **Repentance: Psalm 103:1-4**

*Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name. Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all His benefits — who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, and crowns you with love and compassion.*

#### **Thanksgiving: 1 Thessalonians 5:11,16-18**

*Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, as indeed you do. Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

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

#### **Intercession: Colossians 3:15-17**

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

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

We pray for protection for our St. X Community as we travel and spend time with our families for Thanksgiving break. Help us to not sweat the small stuff and treasure our moments with loved ones. Grant us joy in the journey. 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 Mr. Bader's Ethics A, B, and G classes (names attached) We pray to the Lord. Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for St. X teachers, faculty, staff and volunteers. Holy Spirit 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 Athletic Department. Give them strength and peace in all circumstances. 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 bring peace and comfort to those impacted by the horrors of war. Transform the hearts of the oppressors, so they come to know the forgiveness and repentance only found in Jesus Christ your Son. 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. We pray to the Lord. Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*(personal intentions)*

### **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.*

*Psalms 34:18-20*

### **A Psalm of Thanksgiving** Psalm 34:2-11

"I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be always in my mouth. My soul will glory in the LORD; let the poor hear and be glad. Magnify the LORD with me; and let us exalt his name together. I sought the LORD, and he answered me, delivered me from all my fears. Look to him and be radiant, and your faces may not blush for shame. This poor one cried out and the LORD heard, and from all his distress he saved him. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he saves them. Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the stalwart one who takes refuge in him. Fear the LORD, you his holy ones; nothing is lacking to those who fear him. The rich grow poor and go hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. thank you, Lord, with all my heart; in the presence of the angels to you I sing"