

## **St. Xavier Parent Prayer Group**

December 1, 2023

### **God of Humility**

#### **Praise: 1 Peter 5:5-7**

*Clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for:*

*God opposes the proud but bestows favor on the humble.*

*So, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.*

*Cast all your worries upon him because he cares for you.*

#### **Repentance: Colossians 3:12-13**

*Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.*

#### **Thanksgiving: Psalm 25:8-10**

*Good and upright is the Lord; therefore, he instructs sinners in the way.*

*He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.*

*All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.*

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

#### **Intercession: Micah 6:8**

*He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?*

*To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*

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

Lord, you say in Proverbs with pride comes, comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom. Holy Spirit nudge us when we need to be humbled. Lord during this Advent season grant us a humble and gentle spirit so we can better serve you. 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. Murphy's Ethics classes: C, E and F (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. 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 violence and 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.**

During this Founders Week, we pray for the Xaverian Brothers and the other twelve Xaverian schools in Maryland, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New York. May all XBSS schools carry on the Xaverian vision as they embody compassion, humility, simplicity, trust, and zeal. We pray to the Lord: **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. Psalm 34:18-20*

### **St Francis Xavier: 5 lessons to inspire people** (Fr Roland Coelho, SJ | MARCH 11, 2022)

1. **Inner transformation** - Xavier's life teaches us to be open to inner transformation.
2. **Humble service** - Xavier's life teaches us to serve humbly. In today's world where many leaders make a show of bravado and trumpet their deeds before others, Xavier's life teaches us to be humble. He stooped to conquer. He had everything before him: he was on track to have a great life at the University of Paris. Here, power, fame and wealth were within his easy reach. But he chose another path, that of giving up everything and working to spread the Gospel message of God's love and mercy. On May 6, 1542, Xavier entered the waters of Goa, India, sailed down the Mandovi River and finally disembarked at Old Goa. He chose to stay at the local hospital rather than the palatial quarters of the Bishop, so as to be more easily available for service to the local people.
3. **Mission-focused** - Xavier inspires us to keep our feet moving. He was a man on fire with God's love!
4. **Adaptive skills** - We learn from Xavier to be flexible. Xavier changed when they experienced God's Spirit in new ways.
5. **Joyful generosity** - Xavier's life inspires us to move from mediocrity to joyful generosity for God's greater glory.