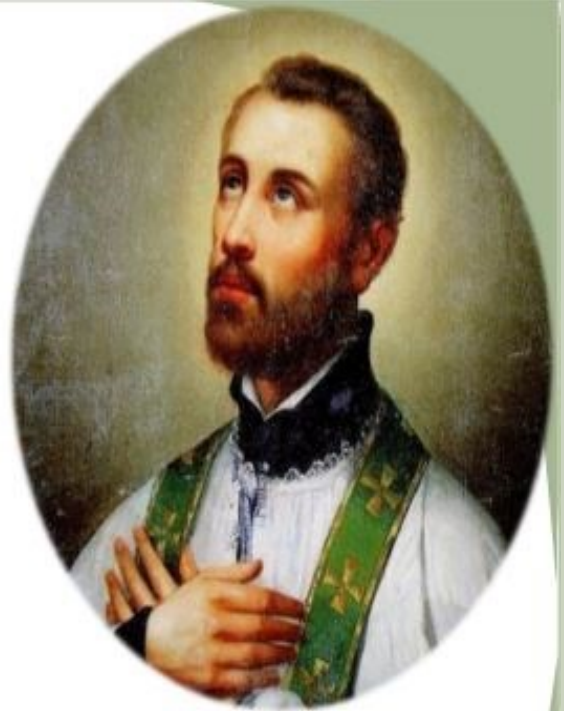


# Novena of Grace

Novena to St. Francis Xavier, adapted from EWTN

DAY 7 | MARCH 10

We have come together to worship the Lord our God and to honor the memory of His great missionary, St. Francis Xavier. Through his powerful intercession, let us pray for ourselves, for the missionary efforts of the Church, and for all the People of God.



**INTENTION:** For the oppressed and the needy in the United States and abroad & for an increase in missionaries from SJV.

Lord God, our Father, we honor the memory of the Apostle of the Indies and Japan, St. Francis Xavier. The remembrance of the favors with which You blessed him during life and of his glory after death fills us with joy; and we unite with him in offering to You our sincere tribute of thanksgiving and of grace. We ask You to grant us, through his powerful intercession, the inestimable blessings of living and dying in the state of grace. We also ask You to grant us the favors we seek in this novena:

*That we may deepen our concern for our sisters and brothers in Christ who endure the burdens of poverty, war, exploitation, and persecution. That we enthusiastically play our part in the mission of the Church in the modern world. Let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.*

But if what we ask is not for the glory of God and the good of our souls, grant us, we pray, what is more conducive to both.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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