

Novena of Grace

Novena to St. Francis Xavier, adapted from EWTN



DAY 9 | MARCH 12

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 ourselves, for all SJV parishioners & 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 be ever faithful to our baptismal commitment to Christ, and bring Christ's word and Christ's love to the world in which we live.

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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CLOSING PRAYER

Lord God of compassion and mercy, by the preaching of St. Francis Xavier you brought many nations to yourself. Raise up, we pray, more heralds and evangelists of your kingdom like St. Francis, that your Church may proclaim the Gospel to all nations.

Inspired by the example of St. Francis, we pray to you for the courage to be missionaries, reaching out and leading others to you. Pour out the abundance of your Spirit upon all of our brothers and sisters who are called to journey on missions. Stay with us, Lord, when we walk the paths of the world side by side with our brothers and sisters.

Grant that we all find ourselves in heaven, our homeland, after having been members of the same family on earth. Amen.