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SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER



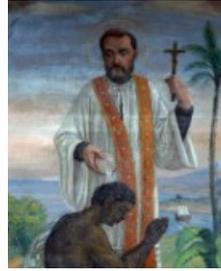
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## Saint Francis Xavier



Saint Francis Xavier, known as the Apostle of the Indies, was born in 1505 of a most illustrious family, whose castle was in the Pyrenees. He was sent to study at the college of Saint Barbara at Paris. Here he became the friend and associate of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Xavier was of a gay, ardent temperament, and enamored with the charms of worldly glory; but Saint Ignatius repeated to him so often the text from the Gospel, "What doth it profit a man to gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his own soul?" that Saint Francis began to think more seriously of eternity and of the things thereof. He at last yielded his great heart completely to God, and, in conjunction with Ignatius, founded the Society of Jesus. He preached the Gospel in the Indies and Japan with marvellous success, and his labors were attended with many miracles. He died whilst struggling in his burning zeal to carry the faith into China, breathing his last on the little island of Sancian on December 3, 1552. He was only in his forty-sixth year, but had reaped his harvest of immortal souls by the hundreds of thousands.

## Prayer of Saint Francis Xavier for conversion of unbelievers



Eternal God, Creator of all things, remember that You alone have created the souls of unbelievers, which You have made according to Your Image and Likeness. Behold, O Lord, how to Your dishonor many of them are falling into Hell. Remember, O Lord, Your Son Jesus Christ, who so generously shed His Blood and suffered for them. Do not permit that Your Son, Our Lord, remain unknown by unbelievers, but, with the help of Your Saints and the Church, the Bride of Your Son, remember Your mercy, forget their idolatry and infidelity, and make them know Him, Who You have sent, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who is our salvation, our life, and our resurrection, through Whom we have been saved and redeemed, and to Whom is due glory forever. Amen.

## PRAYER TO ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## My Lord Jesus (By St Francis Xavier)



O my Lord Jesus! Teach me to be generous; teach me to serve You as you deserve; to give, and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to ask for rest; to labour, seeking no reward, save that of knowing that I do Thy will. Amen.

## My God

O God I Love you, not simply to be saved, and not because those who fail in love to you will be punished with eternal fire. You, you, my Jesus, have all-embraced me on the cross. You have borne the nails, the lance, much ignominy, numberless griefs, sweating and anguish, and death, and these on account of me and for me, a sinner. Why, therefore, should I not love you, O, most loving Jesus? Not that in heaven you shall save me, nor lest for eternity you shall condemn me; not with the hope of any reward, but as you have loved me, so also will I love you, only because you are my King, and because you are my God. Amen.

O devoted Servant of God, Saint Francis Xavier, your heart was burning with love for Jesus. Impelled by his love, you went from country to country and spent yourself unto death to proclaim the name of Jesus and the good news of salvation. That is why the Father filled you with glory in heaven and preserved your body from corruption here on Earth. Filled with joy for these unique gifts, we join you in praising the Father. And Now we ask your intercession for ourselves.

### *(Each one make One intention silently)*

We ask you to obtain for us the fulfilment of these desires if they are pleasing to the father. And for everything together with you we praise the Father, through Jesus in the Spirit. Amen.

## Powerful Intercessory Prayer to St. Francis Xavier

"Great Saint Francis, well beloved and full of charity, in union with you I reverently adore the Divine Majesty. I give thanks to God for the singular gifts of grace bestowed on you in life and of glory after death, and I beg of you, with all the affection of my heart, by your powerful intercession, obtain for me the grace to live a holy life and die a holy death. I beg you to obtain for me ... **(Mention your petition)** But if what I ask is not for the glory of God and for my well-being, obtain for me, I beseech you, what will more certainly attain these ends. Amen."





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## Novena To St. Francis Xavier



Most amiable and most loving St. Francis Xavier, in union with thee I reverently adore the Divine Majesty. The remembrance of the Favours with which God blessed thee during life, and of thy glory after death, fills me with joy. I implore thee to obtain for me, through thy powerful intercession, the inestimable blessing of living and dying in

the state of grace. I also beseech thee to obtain the special Favour I ask of this Novena.

*(Make your request here...)*

**Priest:** Pray for us, St. Francis Xavier

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

### Let Us Pray.

O God, who didst vouchsafe, by the preaching and miracles of Saint Francis Xavier, to join unto Thy Church the nations of the Indies, grant, we beseech Thee, that we who reverence his glorious merits may also imitate his example, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

### Pray three times...

Our Father

Hail Mary

Glory Be to The Father...

## Herald of the Gospel

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for your Servant Francis, whom you called to preach the Gospel to the peoples of Asia. Raise up, we pray, in this and every land heralds and evangelists of your kingdom, that your Church may proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Creator God

Creator God, inspired by the example of St. Francis, we pray to you for the courage to be missionaries, reaching out and leading others to Jesus.

Like St. Francis, may we help those in need, may we live a life rooted in prayer and may we bring Christ to all those we meet.

This we ask through your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Feast Day Prayer (3rd December)

Lord Jesus, you have sent us to proclaim the Gospel to all nations, and have promised to always remain with us. Look upon

this family gathered on the feast day of St. Francis Xavier. Pour out the abundance of your Spirit upon each one of our brothers and sisters especially on those who are called to ponder upon the journey made and to plan what has still to be done, so that we may offer a more authentic service to mission.

Grant that we may ever be faithful to the Gospel and to give an answer to the hopes which the world places before your church today.

Stay with us, Lord, when we gather around the table of your Bread and your Word, and 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.

### Prayer for the zeal of St. Francis Xavier

O God, who through the preaching of Saint Francis Xavier won many peoples to yourself, grant that the hearts of the faithful may burn with the same zeal for the faith and that Holy Church may everywhere rejoice in an abundance of offspring. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### St. Francis Xavier's severed forearm to tour Canada

**YouTube** <https://youtu.be/K7YjkGMGI-Q>

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### St. Francis of Assisi biography

**YouTube** <https://youtu.be/P2ze6nw1s4E>

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