

Prayer to St. Francis Xavier



St. Francis Xavier, Japanese portrait, early 17th century, Kobe City Museum

Novena of Grace

O most lovable and loving Saint Francis Xavier, in union with thee I adore the Divine Majesty. The remembrance of the favors with which God blessed thee during life and of thy glory after death fills me with joy, and I unite with thee in offering Him my humble tribute of thanksgiving and of praise. I implore thee to secure 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 favor I ask in this Novena. (Here recommend your intentions.) But if what I ask is not for the glory of God, and the good of my soul, do thou obtain for me what is most conducive to both. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory Be.

Collect of St. Francis Xavier

O God, Who wast pleased to gather into Thy Church the nations of the Indies by the preaching and miracles of blessed Francis: mercifully grant that we, who venerate his glorious merits, may also imitate the example of his virtues. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

The Novena of Grace is prayed March 4 to 12 and in the days before his feast, December 3. St. Francis Xavier, pray for us.