



PRAYING for OUR LASALLIAN FAMILY

Leader: Let us remember that "God is not far from any of us, since we do not have life or movement or being except in God." Acts 17: 28

All: We praise You, O God; We give You thanks for Your great goodness to us. In the name of Our Creator, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Prayer: from faithandworship.com

we have heard your glorious whisper,
almost silent, yet insistent,
breaking through the chatter
of many voices,
the clatter
of background noises,
the wind,
the rain,
storm and hurricane,
through all of this
your voice remains,
unchangeable,

cuts through to heart
and soul,
unmissable.
come follow me
pick up the Cross...
my burden is no burden at all,
it is simply love,
poured out for you
and through you,
sustaining,
empowering ...
come follow me'

Song: "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

Where charity and love prevail,
There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love,
By love we thus are bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear,
God's charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul
Now love God in return.

Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells Christ God's holy Son;
As members of each body joined,
In Him we are made one.

Let strife among us be unknown;
Let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek;
Be His our only peace.

Reading: Ephesians 3: 14 – 21

My response is to get down on my knees before the Father, this magnificent Father who parcels out all heaven and earth. I ask him to strengthen you by his Spirit—not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength—that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite him in. And I ask him that with both feet planted firmly on love, you'll be able to take in with all followers of Jesus the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love. Reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God.



God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us.

Reflection: A Lasallian Reflection

Sometimes we would like to do something or get a project off the ground but very often as individuals we lack the energy or motivation needed to succeed. It seems like it might be easier and more successful if we have others who have the same dreams and are united in a common goal. There is strength in numbers and especially when the numbers are faith-filled people who rely on prayer. With God all things are possible.

Let us unite ourselves with other like-minded Lasallians to graft ourselves to Christ and find our strength and energy in Him. We are called to be Christ for others helping them to know the Lord better, and to help them in their times of need.

Reflection: Brother Alvaro, Former Superior General

You are Lasallians and you have become a part of this family,
which is characterized by a life of faith,
a commitment to service, and the search for community.
These are three dimensions which are essential in the life of a Christian, and which also
characterize Lasallians, the heirs and disciples of St. John Baptist de La Salle,
who serve God and poor children.

INTERCESSIONS:

Response:

Make us one in the heart of Jesus.

That as daughters and sons of God and brothers and sisters of Jesus, we may always remember the giftedness we have. *For this we pray:*

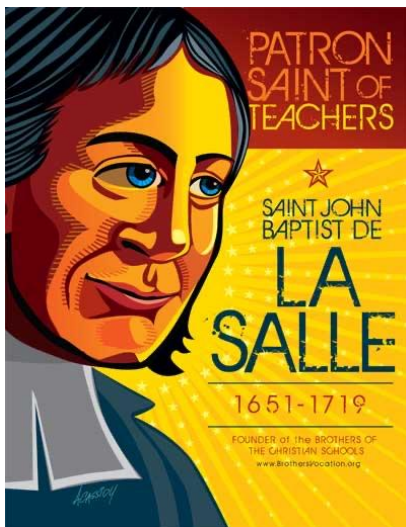
That we always and everywhere give thanks for the gift of Jesus in our lives and the directions Saint John Baptist de La Salle gave us in being “salt and light” for ours. *For this we pray:*

That united with the various segments of the Lasallian Family we may be aware of our call to bring Christ to others in a variety of ways. *For this we pray:*

That more men and women will answer the call to be Lasallians in our world, working to alleviate ignorance and build-up the dignity of all peoples especially the poor. *For this we pray:*

That You, O God, will bless all the members of the Lasallian Family throughout the world and have them remain faithful to the ideals of Saint John Baptist de La Salle. *For this we pray:*

That in whatever segment of the Lasallian Family we find ourselves, we may always remember the presence of God, have a love for Sacred Scripture, live in a spirit of faith and be filled with zeal in making Jesus known to others. *For this we pray:*



Prayer:

O God, in a spirit of faith and confidence and with a profound sense of humility, we earnestly ask You to give us the grace necessary to be one in mind and heart with all in the Lasallian Family and to inspire in others a deep and sincere love of You.

We beg You to make our hearts and those of our brothers and sisters in our world-wide Lasallian Family, one in the heart of our Brother, Jesus. Amen.



Concluding Prayer:

Leader: We pray to you, God of heaven and earth,
in wonder and thanks
that you have reached out to us,
dreaming and risking.

L: We pray through your son Jesus who,
never satisfied with what is,
endured hardships the mind could not anticipate.

R: We pray in your Spirit,
released into the world by your dream for us,
who teaches us that nothing is beyond our collective reach.

L: May your Spirit, as prayed in the words of St. John Baptist De La Salle,
‘Take possession of my heart, and so guide my actions that I may be able to say
that they are the work of your hands rather than mine,
and that my whole being, in all its functions,
is entirely dependent on your good pleasure.’

All: Most Holy Trinity,
with profound respect before your infinite majesty, may you inspire us
with the confidence not to bury our talents,
but to give ourselves unreservedly to the dreams
that will transform our lives. Amen

*Leader: Saint John Baptist de La Salle
and all you holy Brothers and Partners who have gone before us,*

*All: help us to realize the important contributions we can make by working
together in educating others to know Jesus.*