



St. Francis Xavier

December 3

Who was St. Francis Xavier?

St. Francis Xavier was a remarkable Christian missionary who lived in the 16th century. He was born in Spain in 1506 and became one of the founding members of the Society of Jesus, also known as the Jesuits. St. Francis Xavier dedicated his life to spreading the teachings of Jesus Christ and sharing the message of Christianity with people in distant lands.

He embarked on extensive journeys to evangelize in Asia, visiting countries such as India, Japan and China. St. Francis Xavier was known for his extraordinary zeal and tireless efforts to bring the message of God's love and salvation to people who had never heard about Christianity before.

During his travels, he faced numerous challenges and hardships, but his unwavering faith and determination led to the conversion of thousands of people to Christianity. He baptized many individuals and established Christian communities in various regions, leaving a lasting impact on the Christian faith in Asia.

St. Francis Xavier's significant contributions to the Christian mission and his profound commitment to serving others earned him the title of "Apostle of the Indies." He is recognized as a saint in the Catholic Church due to his extraordinary virtues and the miracles attributed to his intercession.

St. Francis Xavier's life serves as an inspiration for believers to be bold in their faith and to share the message of God's love with others, regardless of the challenges they may face. He is a symbol of missionary zeal and selfless service, encouraging Christians to embrace a spirit of love, compassion and dedication in their efforts to bring the Gospel to all corners of the world.

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Quotes

"In all our actions we should look upon ourselves as mere instruments in the hands of God."

-St. Francis Xavier

"It is not the actual physical exertion that counts towards one's progress, nor the nature of the task, but the spirit of faith with which it is undertaken."

-St. Francis Xavier

"The greatest reward for doing is the opportunity to do more."

-St. Francis Xavier

Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;

Dear Heavenly Father,

On this blessed Feast Day of St. Francis Xavier, we come before you with hearts filled with gratitude and reverence. We thank you for the life and witness of this holy saint, who dedicated his life to spreading the Gospel and bringing the light of Christ to distant lands.

St. Francis Xavier's unwavering faith and missionary zeal inspire us to be courageous in sharing our faith and reaching out to those in need. We pray for the grace to follow his example, to be bold in our witness and to be compassionate in our service to others.

Lord, like St. Francis Xavier, help us to be attentive to the cry of the poor and the marginalized, reaching out to them with love and compassion. May we be instruments of your peace and instruments of your healing in a world that often yearns for your presence.

We pray for all missionaries and evangelists, who continue to spread the Good News to the far corners of the earth. Grant them strength, wisdom, and perseverance as they share the message of your love and salvation.

On this special Feast Day, we also lift up in prayer all those who are struggling, the sick, the lonely and the broken-hearted. May they find comfort and hope in the intercession of St. Francis Xavier and experience your healing touch in their lives.

We ask for St. Francis Xavier's intercession in our own lives, that we may grow in holiness and deepen our relationship with you. May his unwavering faith and love for you inspire us to live lives of holiness and to seek your will in all things.

We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Patron Saint

Missionaries

Africa and Asia

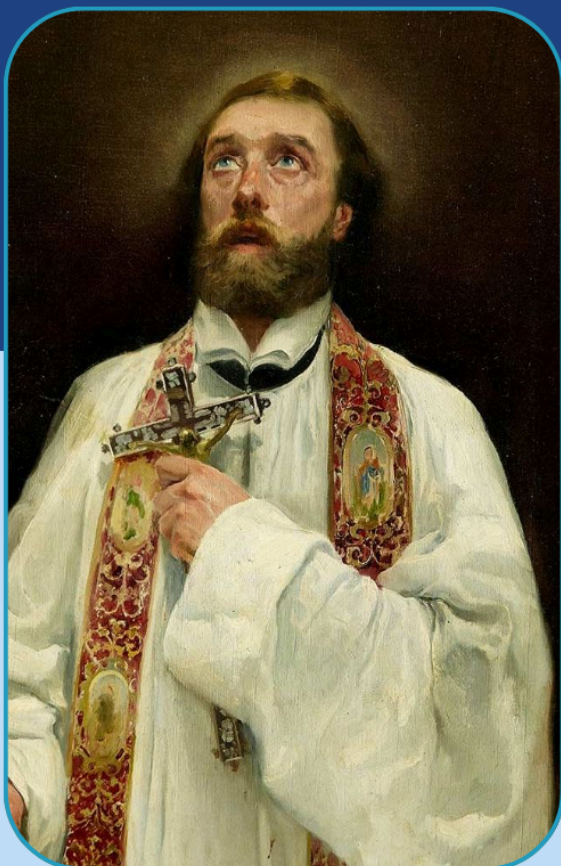
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FEAST DAY:
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SCHOOL LOCATION:
Markham, ON

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