



Blessed Pier Giorio Frassati
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His Feast Is Celebrated on July 4

Young saints under age 25

A prayer for a faculty meeting at any time (adapted from <https://frassatiusa.org/>)

Let us Remember... **ALL:** that we are in the holy presence of God.

Reader 1: *Jesus says: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

Pier Giorgio responds: "The faith given to me in Baptism surely suggests to me that of yourself you will do nothing; but if you have God as the center of all your actions, then you will reach your goal."

ALL: Lord, may we be poor in spirit so that we may participate in your kingdom.

Reader 2: *Jesus says: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."*

Pier Giorgio responds: "Our life, in order to be Christian, has to be a continual renunciation, a continual sacrifice. But this is not difficult, if one thinks what these few years passed in suffering are, compared with eternal happiness where joy will have no measure or end, and where we shall have unimaginable peace."

ALL: Lord, help us face sorrow, and not avoid it or pretend it does not exist. May we enter our sorrows, so that can empty ourselves and be filled with God's peace.

Reader 3 *Jesus says: "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."*

Pier Giorgio responds: "With violence you sow hatred, and harvest its bad fruits. With charity, you sow peace – not the peace that the world gives, but the true peace that only faith in Jesus Christ can give us in common brotherhood [and sisterhood]."

ALL: Lord, may we be humble and meek that all on earth might be transformed into a reflection of your compassion and love.

Reader 4 *Jesus says: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."*

Pier Giorgio responds: "What wealth it is to be in good health, as we are! But we have the duty of putting our health at the service of those who do not have it. To act otherwise would be to betray that gift of God."

ALL: Lord, help us understand that true satisfaction is only found in sharing your love.

Reader 5 *Jesus says: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."*

Pier Giorgio responds: "St. Paul says that 'the charity of Christ urges us.' Without this flame, which should burn deep within us and blaze only for other people's griefs, we would not be Christian."

ALL: Lord, may we always be merciful and forgiving just as you are toward us.

Reader 6 *Jesus says: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."*

Pier Giorgio responds: "I beg you to pray for me a little, so that God may give me an iron will that does not bend and does not fail in His projects."

ALL: Lord, help me live your love and be your presence in the lives of others.

Reader 7 *Jesus says: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God."*

Pier Giorgio responds: "I offer you my best wishes – the only wish that a true friend can express for a dear friend: may the peace of the Lord be with you always! For, if you possess peace every day, you will be truly rich."

ALL: Lord, in a world that is increasingly tribal and violent may we be peacemakers and lovers.

Reader 8 *Jesus says: "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

Pier Giorgio responds: "To live without faith, without a patrimony to defend, without a steady struggle for truth – that is not living, but existing."

ALL: Lord, help us face the truth about ourselves and about the world in which we live. Let us live your love even when it causes us discomfort or harm.

We ask all of these things in the name of Jesus and through the intercession of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati – your young servant.

St. John Baptist de La Salle...
Live Jesus in our Hearts...

ALL: Pray for us
ALL: Forever

More about Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

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