

**LIVING OUR LASALLIAN HERITAGE:
ACCEPTING GOD'S WILL**

Blessed be the will of God in my regard.



**We pause and remember that the God Who created us continually with us
and is closer to us than we are to ourselves.**

**In the name of God our Father and Creator, and in the name of Jesus His Son,
our Brother and Redeemer, and in the name of the Holy Spirit Who calls us
to life and to holiness. Amen.**

Thoughts of Saint John Baptist de La Salle

**"God, who directs all things with wisdom and moderation, and who does not
force the will of men, wishing to have me completely occupied with the care
of schools, involved me unexpectedly and in a short time, so that one
commitment led to another without my being aware of it."**

"In all things, I adore the will of God in my regard."

A reflection

**Saint John Baptist de La Salle made the will of God the guiding principle in his
life and this allowed him to be open to the Spirit of God working in him
through the people and events he encountered. Nothing happens by chance.
The finger of God is in all things if only we look to see it and understand it.
Often, we want what we want and we do not wish to understand any other
way. By accepting the will of God in our behalf, we, through the eyes of faith,
accept God's plan for us even if we do not like it or agree with it. Often times
we may fight it or bargain with God to be relieved of that which seemingly is
His will for us. It is so very difficult to give up our own will because ultimately
we think that we are in charge and that we call the shots. Being open to God
working in our lives helps us to realize that the plans of God are bigger than
us but He has a plan for us in His bigger plans.**

**What better example do we have of this from Jesus Himself as He was faced
with his passion and death?**



Reading

Micah 6: 6

**This is what God wills for you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly, and to
walk humbly with God.**

Reading**Ephesians 5: 15 – 17**

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

Reading**Matthew 26: 36 –43**

Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress.

Then He said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with Me."

He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet, not as I will, but as You will."

When He returned to His disciples He found them asleep. He said to Peter, "So you could not keep watch with Me for one hour?"

Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Withdrawing a second time, He prayed again, "My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without My drinking it, Your will be done!"



Abraham, you who left your homeland and all that was dear to you because you listened to the Lord,

Help us to be open to God working in our lives here and now.

Abraham, you who were willing to sacrifice your son Isaac because the Lord asked you,

Help us to take on difficult obligations because we know the will of God invites us.

Jacob, you who trusted in the Lord and made the Lord your God,

Be with us as we struggle through life discerning the Lord's plans for us.

Samuel, you who responded to the Lord's invitation and said, "Here I am Lord, I come to do Your will,"

Be an example for us that we may be accepting of the Lord's will for us.

**Mary of Nazareth, you who opened yourself to the will of God and answered 'yes' to the Angel Gabriel,
Help us to always be open to the will of God working in our lives.**

**Jesus, You Who were completely accepting of the Father's will for You,
Teach us by Your example to accept God's plan for us even when we do not understand it or want to accept it.**

All you holy people throughout the ages, who lived the will of God in their own unique ways, intercede with the Lord that we might allow Him to work in us. and use us as He sees fit.



Lasallians believe in establishing a relationship of trust and confidence In a loving God.

Lasallians believe that God wishes everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Lasallians believe that the Spirit of God will take us where we did not plan to go.

Lasallians find solace and strength in trying to see as God sees; acting without self-interest and doing whatever is judged best.

Prayer of Thomas Merton

**O Lord, my God,
I have no idea of where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
Nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think I am following Your will
does not mean that I am actually doing so.
But I believe that my desire to please You
does in fact please You.
And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this,
You will lead me by the right path
though I may know nothing about it.
Therefore, I will trust You always
for You are ever with me and will never leave me.**



**Saint John Baptist de La Salle,
and all you holy brothers who have gone before us,
intercede with the Lord that we may see God's plan for us in all things
and respond accordingly.**

Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever!

A LASALLIAN SUGGESTION

**Frequently call upon God to help you to be open to His will
in your life and to have the trust and courage to act on it.**