

# SALVATORIAN FAMILY MEAL PRAYERS

*for all occasions*



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## PRAYER THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF BLESSED FRANCIS MARY OF THE CROSS JORDAN

O God of goodness and kindness,  
we thank You for inspiring  
Blessed Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan  
with a profound love and knowledge of You,  
the one true God and Jesus Christ,  
whom You have sent to be our Divine Savior.

We implore the fire of Your Spirit  
to enflame all the baptized  
to be apostles in mission  
for the salvation of all people everywhere.

We invoke the intercession of Blessed Francis Jordan,  
for our own personal intention of...  
May he accompany us at significant  
and challenging moments  
in our lives.

And if it be Your will,  
may he be recognized as a persevering and faithful saint  
whose apostolic life manifested Your strength  
shining through his human weakness.  
We pray with trust in Your Divine Providence.  
Amen.

## ADVENT

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1

Gracious and Loving God,  
You promise the thirsty person a spring of living water.  
Grant our hearts to aspire for salvation,  
and for our lips to be open to give thanks,  
especially for these gifts that restore our strength  
as we wait with joy for the one who is to come,  
Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

2

We thank You, merciful Father,  
that You sustain all Your creatures.  
Help our frailty with the power of Your Spirit,  
while, full of hope, we await the coming of Your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

3

God our Father,  
Your Son Jesus promised to invite to His heavenly table  
the faithful servant.  
Give us strength and hope to be vigilant to await His return  
and to receive with gratitude these gifts from Your goodness,  
through Christ our Divine Savior.

4

God our Father,  
let us always be attentive in listening to Your Word,  
so that we will be appreciative of all the good things  
You give us in abundance on earth;  
waiting for the endless happiness that  
You have prepared in Your kingdom for those who love You,  
through Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

5

God our Father,  
Your prophet, John the Baptizer, prepared in the desert  
the path of Jesus' revelation.  
Teach us to imitate Him in finding the joy of simplicity  
and to wait in blessed hope of the coming of our Divine Savior,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

6

Blessed be the Lord our God,  
who comes to save His people.  
May we receive this meal with joy and gratitude  
as we give You thanks now and forever,  
through Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

7

Be blessed, God our Father,  
who called Your prophet, John the Baptizer,  
to prepare the path of Your Son, whom You have sent.  
Inspire us to love the spiritual joys of life,  
so that we may be nourished with grateful hearts  
and can open ourselves to Him who comes to renew Your people,  
Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

8

Be blessed, God our Father,  
You nourish our life with the abundance of Your gifts.  
Make our hearts open to those in need in this world,  
so that we may recognize, when He comes,  
He who made Himself poor for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

9

Blessed God our Father,  
we pray today for the poor and unfortunate,  
for those who hunger and thirst.



Free us from all restlessness and ingratitude.  
Give us serenity of spirit  
and an always grateful heart,  
through Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

10

Blessed be the Lord our God,  
who comes to be with us  
and to heal all our wounds.  
We prepare the path with joy.  
And with a hymn of thanksgiving we give praise  
for the gifts and nourishment that will fill us on our journey of faith,  
through Christ Jesus our Divine Savior.

11

Be blessed, God our Father,  
that You bring Your children together  
for this community/family meal.  
Heal our blindness,  
and let us see the true light  
with the coming of Your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

## **CHRISTMAS DAY AND CHRISTMAS SEASON**

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12

Be blessed, almighty God,  
today is born of the Virgin  
the one who embraces all of creation.  
He is fed with the nourishment given by his Blessed Mother.  
As through the wonder of Your works,  
You nourished Your people in the desert,  
by pouring down manna from the heavens.  
We, thank You, Father, our one true God,  
who continues to renew the abundance of Your gifts,  
through Christ Jesus our Divine Savior.

13

Today our Divine Savior was born,  
this is our titular feast as Salvatorians!  
Let us give Him glory and praise!  
The Son of God is our gift from the heavens,  
let us welcome Him into our hearts!  
The Savior is among us: our souls are lifted up!  
With joy and exultation  
let us give thanks to God  
who sent His son to heal us from all evil  
and to give us life without end,  
through our Divine Savior who lives and reigns forever and ever.

14

Today, grateful to our Mother of the Savior,  
the tree of life was planted in our land.  
Those who eat from it will live eternally.  
Blessed be the Lord that rebuilds our strength,  
in Him we will grow in love and in good works,  
now and forever and ever,  
through Christ our Divine Savior.

15

Today the flaming sword has been removed from the tree of life  
and we are allowed once again the delights of heaven and earth.  
Be blessed, our gracious Father, that You fill us with all good gifts  
through Christ Jesus our Divine Savior.

16

Today the eternal Son of the Father  
humbled Himself and became poor among us,  
to share in our trials and sufferings.  
Teach us, Lord our God,  
to recognize Him in this wounded world  
and to share with love the goods we receive from Your goodness,  
through Christ Jesus our Divine Savior.



17

Lord our God,  
we venerate the birth of Christ, Emmanuel,  
and we bless You for this immense joy.  
Reveal to us, in Your beloved Son,  
the splendor of Your face  
as we give thanks  
for Your wonderful and generous gifts  
that echo in our hearts and nourish our lives now and forever,  
through Christ Jesus our Divine Savior.

18

Be blessed, God of compassion,  
with Your Son Jesus  
light breaks into our darkness.  
Born of flesh for the love of all,  
He strengthens our weakness  
and fills us with all good gifts.  
We thank You for this nourishment,  
through Christ our Divine Savior.

19

We bless You, Lord our God,  
with the coming of Your Son  
You have given us every good thing.  
Grant that as apostles for our time,  
we may find peace and joy in Him,  
and always praise You with a grateful heart,  
through Christ our Divine Savior.

20

Be blessed, merciful Father,  
in Your Son, Jesus, who was made flesh for us,  
You want to renew all of creation.  
With Mary, the Mother of our Savior,  
we thank You for so many benefits that feed

our body and soul, now and forever,  
through Christ Jesus our Divine Savior.

21

Blessed are You, our God,  
You loved the world so much  
You gave Your only Son, Word made flesh.  
We give You thanks for this meal that brings us together  
in Your name.  
Please make Your light and love  
shine and grow in our hearts and bodies,  
through Christ our Divine Savior.

22

Be blessed, Lord our God,  
for this meal that brings us together  
in the joy of Christmas.  
May all people be our brothers and sisters  
and be fully welcomed into that peace  
that Your Son has come to bring to the earth.  
Father, we pray that You accept our thanks  
for all the good things You have given  
that sustain us, strengthen us, and bless us  
through Christ Jesus our Divine Savior.

23

Lord our God,  
You have made Your glory shine  
through the one whom You have sent, Your Son Jesus,  
who was made flesh out of love for all people, Emmanuel.  
We bless You as You bring us together  
for this meal that strengthens and feeds our companionship;  
and we ask that all of our life may  
manifest the peace that emanates from You,  
through Christ our Divine Savior.

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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24

Lord our God,  
Your Son whom You sent,  
by sharing fully in our humanity,  
now calls us to share in his divinity.  
Be blessed, Father,  
who gather us around this table through love  
in Your name.  
Grant us a grateful heart and healthy bodies,  
through Christ Jesus our Divine Savior.

25

Gracious Lord,  
as friend and companion to us all,  
You assume our weakness  
to give us true strength.  
We receive this food with gratitude  
as we are nourished by Your presence among us  
now and forever and ever,  
through Christ Jesus our Divine Savior.

26

Be blessed, God our Father,  
in Your Son Jesus, Emmanuel,  
fill us with all good things.  
Let our house be filled  
with the joy of Your presence.  
Let our hymn of thanks  
be endless and give praise for Your generosity,  
through Christ Jesus our Divine Savior.

27

Lord our God,  
You sent Your Son Jesus into this world

to enlighten us,  
we who struggle in the shadow of the cross.  
Let us walk in Your light,  
giving thanks for the abundance of all Your gifts,  
through Christ Jesus our Divine Savior.

## **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

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28

Lord our God,  
today Your Son Jesus, in humility and grace,  
asks John Your servant, to be baptized.  
Help us to renounce false riches, so as to appreciate  
the wealth of our loving communion  
as we share this meal in the joy and in the light of Your epiphany,  
through Christ our Divine Savior.

29

God our Father,  
today Your Son Jesus  
desired to be baptized so  
to enlighten all people.  
You who give us life and nourishment,  
grant us a purified heart  
to thank You now and always,  
though Christ Jesus our Divine Savior.

30

Be blessed, Lord our God,  
for the wonders performed by Your Son Jesus,  
as He changed water into fine wine and fed the hungry crowds.  
Renew Your wonders today  
to help sustain Your beloved children.  
May our nutritious meal be a symbol  
of the eternal wedding banquet and your loving generosity,  
through Christ Jesus our Divine Savior.

31

Lord our God,  
Jesus Your Son did not hesitate  
to assume our nature  
and to be baptized  
for the forgiveness of our sins.  
We thank You, Father,  
because through Your beloved Son  
You fill us with Your grace and strength.  
We bless You  
now and forever and ever.

## TIME OF LENT

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32

God our Father,  
the fasting You prefer  
is a contrite spirit,  
sensitive to the needs of Your people.  
Create a new heart in us,  
so that we may offer You thanks  
with the life You call us to live,  
a life of justice and love,  
through Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

33

God our Father, in Your heavenly kingdom  
the poor will eat and be satisfied.  
Help us to break unjust chains in our lives  
that starve our hearts  
and to share the goods of this world  
with those who are in need,  
so that everyone gives You thanks  
and proclaims Your justice,  
through Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

34

Be blessed, God our Father,  
for the abundance of Your gifts.  
To those who are gathered in His name,  
Your Son Jesus promised  
to be among them.  
Grant us to seek without ceasing  
the light of His face,  
to always live in Your love,  
through Christ our Divine Savior.

35

Be blessed, God of Goodness and Kindness,  
for this meal  
which strengthens our weakness.  
The food of Your servant Jesus  
is to do Your will until death;  
it also teaches us to be fed by  
every word that comes from You,  
through Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

36

Be blessed, Lord our God, You send dewfall to the earth,  
and make it fruitful so that it nourishes every living thing.  
Grant what is needed for all the poor,  
teach us to share our daily bread with joy and trust in Your love,  
through Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

37

Merciful Father,  
You have prepared a banquet  
for the return of the repentant son,  
help us to appreciate the abundance of Your goods and mercy  
and cleanse our hearts of all selfishness,  
so we are moved to invite our brothers and sisters  
to take part in the feast,  
through Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

38

Be blessed, Lord our God,  
who freed Your people and fed them in the desert.  
You have looked kindly upon those of us gathered in Your name,  
You have provided this day our daily bread.  
Guide us on our path in this world  
with the light and direction of Your commandments,  
until we share in the banquet of Your kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

39

Lord our God,  
You provided bread for the prophet Elijah  
to fortify him on his way  
towards the holy mountain,  
grant us what is needed to find  
our way to You,  
and guide us all toward  
the banquet of Your heavenly kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

40

Lord our God,  
You promised to satisfy all those  
who hunger and thirst for justice.  
Help us to seek simplicity and humility of heart,  
so we are able to appreciate all our earthly food,  
and to share with all our brothers and sisters  
the nourishing banquet of Your kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

41

Lord our God,  
Jesus Your Son has known the weariness of the journey  
and has sat down at the table with sinners.  
Come now also among us,  
teach us to appreciate this earthly food



and to walk in faithfulness of heart  
towards the light and love of his Passover,  
through Christ our Divine Savior.

42

We bless You, Father,  
in Jesus Your servant,  
who suffered in the shadow of the cross for us.  
Purify our hearts with the discipline that the Spirit inspires in us,  
as we walk steadfast towards the joy of Easter,  
through Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

43

Lord our God,  
be blessed for the gracious goods You bestow on us.  
Strengthen us to always be considerate  
in our service to our brothers and sisters,  
so that together we will be welcomed  
at the supper of Your kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

44

Be blessed, Lord our God,  
You make the work of our hands prosper,  
and with time, we see You have provided what we need.  
Make us always attentive to the poorest  
and break bread with the hungry,  
so that they too may sing the joy of Your mercy among us,  
through Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

45

Lord our God,  
be blessed for the generous goods You have given us.  
Make us thoughtful in the service of others,  
so our way to the supper of Your kingdom  
will be radiating with Your light and love,  
through Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

46

Be blessed, Lord our God,  
You led Your people through the wilderness  
and You fed them with bread from heaven.  
Renew the wonders of Your mercy and care,  
strengthen those who hunger for Your love  
and who walk towards You with hope.  
We ask You to hear our grateful prayer,  
through Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

47

Our blessed Father,  
You have given us everything in Jesus Your Son;  
help us to receive this meal in a spirit of true gratitude.  
Inspire us to desire Your spiritual nourishment  
that strengthens us to move towards eternal salvation,  
in Christ Jesus our Divine Savior.

48

Be blessed, God our Father,  
as You prepared a banquet for the prodigal son  
and so we ask You to welcome us back into Your home.  
Our praise and thanks to You for all the good things You give us.  
Create in us a new heart  
so we may participate in the feast You have prepared  
for those who love You,  
through Christ our Divine Savior.

49

Merciful Father,  
You promised an abundance of Your goods  
to those who honor Your name.  
Fill us with Your blessings,  
so that we too may be generous  
towards those who wait for such a gesture of Your love,  
through Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

50

Be blessed, God our Father,  
who welcomes sinners  
at the table of Your kingdom.  
Grant that we who gather at  
this communal meal  
be united in harmony and gratitude,  
for it is to be a visible sign  
of our unity in and with You,  
through Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

51

Be blessed, God our Father,  
You heal us from the poisonous fruit of death  
and move us to desire the bread of life.  
Receive our thanks and guide us with Your Spirit,  
towards the true goods that do not perish,  
through Christ our Divine Savior.

52

Lord our God,  
We bless and thank You for this food  
that we receive from Your gracious hand.  
Like the sinner at Simon's banquet,  
we ask for Your forgiveness and Your grace,  
through Christ our Divine Savior.

53

Be blessed, Lord our God,  
You heal us from all evil  
through Jesus, Your Son, the conqueror of death.  
Accept our thanks for this meal  
that brings us together in Your love.  
Guide us in Your ways toward all the good Your kingdom offers,  
through Jesus our Divine Savior.

54

Lord our God,  
Jesus Your Son multiplied the loaves  
to feed the hungry,  
to nourish those who followed Him.  
Multiply for us too Your many blessings.  
Grant us what is necessary  
so that we may serve You with a free and joyful heart,  
through Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

55

Lord our God,  
we are grateful to You for Jesus Your Son  
made flesh for love of all  
and true bread that strengthens us.  
Grant us to walk joyfully towards the light of Your holy mountain,  
through Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

56

Lord our God,  
You have brought us together for this fraternal meal.  
Send us Your Spirit of love, teach us to share our bread,  
and to enlarge our heart,  
and so to participate one day with all our brothers and sisters,  
at the table of Your kingdom,  
through Christ our Divine Savior.

57

Lord our God,  
open our lips so we may praise You.  
This gracious meal makes us one  
in the unity and love of Your holy name.  
Guide our steps as we walk on the path  
to the table of Your kingdom,  
through Jesus our Divine Savior.

58

Lord our God,  
Jesus Your Son has come among us  
as one who serves.  
Strengthen us to imitate Him,  
ever attentive to the needs of our brothers and sisters.  
Make us worthy to share this meal in the joy of Your presence.  
We thank You, Father, now and forever,  
through Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

59

Be blessed, good and generous Father,  
how tireless You are with the abundance of Your gifts.  
It inspires in us today  
the constant concern for the poorest among us.  
We pray that daily bread  
will be provided to all the hungry,  
so that their hearts may radiate with joy  
and sing to Your eternal goodness,  
through Christ our Divine Savior.

## **PALM SUNDAY**

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60

We praise and bless You, Lord our God,  
that You bring Your beloved children together,  
like olive shoots around Your table.  
Grant to us all the fruitful vine of Your abundant blessings,  
through Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

61

We praise and bless You, Lord our God,  
who gather Your children together in Your house,  
like olive shoots around Your table,  
keep us grounded and united in Your love,  
through Jesus our Divine Savior.

## HOLY WEEK

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62

Lord our God, be blessed,  
for Jesus, Your Son, descended into the abyss of death  
and resurrected us with Him.  
Grant that we receive this meal with a grateful heart  
for its many benefits of health and life,  
through Christ our Divine Savior.

63

Be blessed, Lord our God,  
at the banquet of Your covenant  
You have given us Your only Son as food for our souls.  
The Lamb who sacrificed and offered eternal love.  
With the vivid memory of Easter,  
we know we are called to share our bread  
with a spirit of charity and mercy,  
through Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

64

Be blessed, God our Father,  
we have been reconciled with You  
through the blood of Your Son.  
Now, with all Your benefits,  
allow us to thank You with peace and joy,  
through Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

65

Lord our God,  
to save us, You did not spare Your only Son,  
and through Him You have filled us with all good things.  
Accept our humble prayer as sinners, and convert our hearts  
with the nourishment of Your divine grace,  
through Jesus our Divine Savior.

66

Lord our God,  
Your Son, like a lamb, was sacrificed for us  
and though his blood, gave us life.  
Be blessed, our Father,  
that His body and blood renews our life,  
and this food we share renews our strength to serve,  
through Jesus our Divine Savior.

67

Blessed are You, Lord our God,  
in Jesus Your Son,  
who drank from the cup of his passion for us.  
Now we thank You for this meal  
that brings us together in Your love;  
grant us to have in us  
the same feelings and actions  
of Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

68

Be blessed, God our Father,  
Your Son Jesus took pity on us  
and saved us from death  
with his blood.  
Let the old lifeless ways in us die,  
so that we may walk in newness of life  
with a grateful heart for the abundant goods  
with which You fill us,  
in Christ Jesus, our Divine Savior.

69

We bless You, Father,  
that You have given us the law of love and forgiveness.  
May Your charity teach us to serve each other  
following the example of Your Son Jesus,  
in a spirit of gratitude



for the many benefits we have received,  
in Christ our Divine Savior.

70

Be blessed, God our Father,  
to give us life Your Son died, out of love for us.  
Allow us now to have this meal  
with a heart overflowing with gratitude,  
and to always have faith in Your love,  
through Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

71

Lord our God,  
we bless You for Jesus Your Son,  
who freely suffered the passion  
through weakness of the flesh,  
yet with the power and strength of the Spirit  
overcame death itself.  
Let us walk with joy  
towards our own resurrection,  
so as to live with Him forever and ever.

## HOLY THURSDAY

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72

Be blessed,  
God our Father, who gives us life.  
Jesus Your Son lived among us  
as the one who serves as Lord and Master.  
Make us active in the service of our brothers and sisters,  
to walk with Him towards his resurrection and our own,  
for He is our Divine Savior who lives and reigns forever and ever.

73

Lord our God,  
Jesus, Your servant, on the eve of his passion,

before leaving this world to return to You,  
ate dinner with his disciples,  
entrusting them with the great sacrament of unity and communion.  
May Your blessing come down  
upon us gathered for this meal  
and let us be nourished and discover the secret of Your love,  
through Christ our Lord and Savior.

74

God the Father, accept our thanks  
for our daily bread,  
fruit of Your blessing and the work of humankind.  
Make us worthy to share even in the bread of heaven,  
the true nourishment You give to us through Your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

75

Lord our God,  
as we receive from Your hand  
through the fruit of the earth and work of our hands,  
our heart rises to You in a hymn of thanksgiving.  
Enkindle in us the desire for true bread,  
offered for the life of the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

## GOOD FRIDAY

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76

Lord our God,  
You sent Your Son as a servant,  
obedient until his death on the cross.  
Make us humble of heart,  
ready to serve our brothers and sisters.  
Help us to feel worthy of sharing in this sacred meal together  
with a sense of deep gratitude,  
through Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

77

Be blessed, God our Father, generous with Your gifts.  
Today Your Son Jesus stretched out His arms  
to reunite the scattered peoples  
of the earth with His life-giving cross and death.  
Bless us as we take part in this meal unified by Your undying love,  
through Christ our Divine Savior.

## FOR CONSECRATION OF A RELIGIOUS

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78

Blessed are You, Gracious God,  
who has generously created and nourished every living creature.  
Hopefully this brother/sister  
who today consecrated Himself/herself to You,  
will find Your supportive love in us  
as a community of encouragement and hospitality.  
Help us to remain committed to glorify You in all that we do.  
And with confidence, we hope to receive from Your hand  
the gifts needed in this life to do Your will  
and to act with profound joy,  
through Christ our Divine Savior.

## ON A WEDDING DAY

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79

Glory to You, O Lord,  
that You united N... and N... in love  
to profess to a committed relationship centered on You.  
As we participate with joy at this wedding banquet,  
may their table never lack what is necessary  
to sustain them in their sacramental love.  
That they may ultimately rejoice as a family,  
and respond to those in need as well,  
in whom we recognize Your Son, Jesus Christ our Divine Savior.

## FOR CONFERENCES

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80

Blessed are You, God our Father,  
that You have gathered us at this table.  
Like branches stretching from a single tree trunk,  
make us one with Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
to communicate to the people entrusted to us  
the fruits of his Salvation,  
through our Divine Savior who lives and reigns forever and ever.

## FOR YOUTH CONFERENCES

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81

Lord our God, You gather us at this table  
to teach us Your love.  
Let our enthusiasm and our energies  
be directed toward service of the poor and the oppressed  
because in them, we see Christ.  
We bless and thank You, Father,  
for Your daily benefits and generous gifts,  
through Jesus our Divine Savior now and forever.

82

Blessed are You, Lord, God of the universe,  
that You instill in Your Church perennial youth and vitality.  
We are grateful for the food we share  
because restored with strength,  
we may walk with faith and loyalty  
on our path to live by Your commandments,  
through Christ our Divine Savior.

## **FOR PARTICULAR MOMENTS IN COMMUNITY LIFE**

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### **IN MEMORY OF THE VIRGIN MARY AND THE PATRON SAINTS OF OUR RELIGIOUS FAMILY**

83

O God, our Father,  
through the Virgin Mary,  
You gave to the Church  
the prophetic image of her future,  
Bless us and the food we are about to eat  
and let us celebrate today  
the Blessed One among women,  
as we reflect on our existence and  
her life of humility and her love,  
through Christ our Savior.

84

God, who in Your goodness  
You wanted to give to humanity  
through our Saints  
Your servant N... or Your servants N ...  
a visible sign of the evangelical and apostolic life,  
Bless us and the food we are about to share  
and always keep the spirit alive among us  
of those who have gone before us  
in the service of Your Kingdom,  
through Christ our Savior.

## **FOR THE DAYS OF CONSECRATION**

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### **TO COMMUNITY LIFE AND ECCLESIAL SERVICE**

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#### **INITIATION, PROMISE, PROFESSION**

85

God, inspirer of generous purposes,  
after having consecrated us to You in Baptism,

You called us to follow the Lord Jesus with our Salvatorian Family.  
Fill our hearts as we rejoice at Your ineffable presence  
at our common table,  
and grant this son/daughter of Yours, N...  
these children of Yours, NN...  
lives in communion with us  
and that they will bear witness to the Gospel with renewed vigor,  
through Christ our Divine Savior.

## MINISTRIES AND HOLY ORDERS

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86

We bless You, Gracious Father,  
because to save us  
You have entrusted the proclamation of the Gospel to human lips  
and the work of salvation to human hands.  
You called N... to be of service at the table  
as an expression of our communal charity  
and to receive the ministry of....  
to be fruitful at the service of the Church and all people,  
through Christ our Divine Savior.

## CHAPTER TIMES

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87

Look upon us with love, O Father,  
to us gathered at this common table.  
Through our community, we experience  
in breaking bread together that  
You become for our (brothers/sisters) who will be in leadership,  
a sign and a light for their service,  
as You have for those who have been leading us ...,  
through Christ our Savior.

## RENEWAL CHAPTERS

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88

Holy Father, who in Christ Your Son,  
born of Mary, Your faithful servant,  
You gave us a brother and a friend.  
Please bless this meal  
and the efforts we make  
to renew our service in the Church  
and in our community life,  
through Christ our Divine Savior.

## PERIODS OF CONTEMPLATION AND DAYS OF COMMUNAL MEETINGS

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### DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

89

God, ineffable and hidden,  
in order to speak to the heart of Your people,  
You led them into the wilderness.  
And then to reveal Yourself to Your friends  
You invited them to climb the holy mountain,  
Bless the bread we break together,  
reveal to us in these days the designs of Your love  
and show us the splendor of Your face,  
through Christ our risen Savior.

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND ENCOUNTERS

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90

We praise You, Father, friend of all,  
for the gift of the Spirit  
bestowed upon the apostles of Your Son,  
persevering and in union Mary.  
And we bless You for the bread



that we break during this community meeting.  
Renew our hearts  
and strengthen our friendship as an apostolic community,  
through Christ our Divine Savior.

## **FOR THE HOURS OF COMMUNAL MOURNING AND SUFFERING**

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91

God of all consolation,  
as with the death of Your Son,  
You have overcome mortality  
and through His resurrection  
You gave us life.  
Bless us and the food we are about to eat;  
and bless our brother N... our sister N...,  
who today is not able to sit with us at our common table.  
Welcome him/her to the banquet of heaven,  
where we too hope someday  
to share in Your heavenly meal,  
through Christ our Savior.

## **A TIME OF SADNESS AND PAIN IN THE COMMUNITY**

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92

Merciful Father,  
Your Son Jesus  
experienced pain like every person,  
bless the bread we are sharing now  
and open our eyes and our heart  
to the trial of the brothers/sisters suffering with ...  
so that we may serve them with compassion and love,  
through Christ our Risen Savior.

## FOR TIMES OF JOY AND WELCOMING OF A GUEST

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93

God, source of all joy,  
through Your Son  
let us share in Your wonders.  
We bless You for the gifts of Your love  
and above all, today, for ...,  
and we ask You to transfigure  
the joy of this day  
with the perennial joy of heaven,  
through Christ our Savior.

94

O God, who is constantly present to us, bless us.  
We who welcome Your Son as a guest in our life,  
we gladly participate with Him at this common table.  
We ask that You increase our gracious communion day by day,  
and make our eyes more transparent,  
to see in the faces of our brothers and sisters the face of Your Son,  
Christ our Divine Savior.

## CELEBRATING A NAME'S DAY OR A BIRTHDAY

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95

O Father, who brings joy to Your children,  
look at this family of Yours  
in celebration of the name's day/birthday  
of N...  
Bless this table, a sign of our communion,  
and grant that, through the intercession of  
Blessed Francis Mary of the Cross and Blessed Mary of the Apostles,  
their name will be written in the sky and shine like the stars,  
through Christ our Divine Savior.

96

O Divine Father, who brings joy to us, Your children,  
look kindly upon this family of Yours  
as we celebrate the birthday of / name's day  
of N...

Bless this table, which is a sign of our communion,  
and make our daily journey together reflect more  
and more the value of community and the strength of friendship,  
through Christ our Savior.

## IN THE HOUSE OF FRIENDS

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97

O God, loving and kind Father,  
as Your Son was  
a guest and friend in the house of Bethany,  
You desire friendship to be sanctified;  
to bring joy and comfort our heart  
as we walk along this path together.  
We thank You for the food that we are about  
to eat here at this hospitable and communal table.  
We pray that our friendship remain genuine and true  
for the greater glory of Your name  
and for the sanctification of each of our souls,  
through Christ our Divine Savior.

THE END.

*“Prayer is where you should get fire and increase it on earth,  
where you should fortify yourself,  
where you should rest when you are apostolically involved  
in the activities of the world.”*

*Bl. Francis Jordan Talks 1900/01/05*

