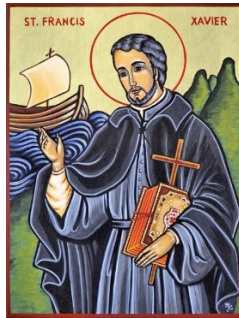


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Day 1:

Eternal Father, your servant Francis who loathed the idea of befriending his roommate, Ignatius of Loyola, finally agreed to live the Spiritual Exercises. It was an instantaneous conversion that led him to give himself completely to your Son, within the Society of Jesus, otherwise known as the Jesuits.

Show us, Lord, how to convert more deeply, to step out of our comfort zone, so that we can give ourselves completely to you in this mission.

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Day 2:

Lord Jesus, following the example of his master Ignatius of Loyola, Francis Xavier lived his first experiences as a missionary in northern Italy. With his companions, he was remarkably diligent for the salvation of souls, to the point that Ignatius had to slow him down to watch his health.

Lord, give us the inner impulse and the necessary stability so that we can all be part of this great mission of the Church.

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Day 3:

O Holy Spirit, your servant Francis was entrusted with companions throughout his whole life to accomplish the Jesuit mission. He had the overall responsibility for the entire Asian work. He had to lead these men firmly, yet kindly, as they were like him devoted to evangelization.

Lord, give us the strength to lead intelligently, with goodwill, in the course of the mission of the Church that we are entrusted with.

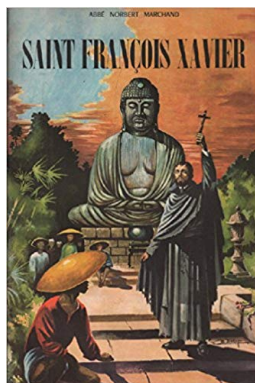
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Day 4:

Holy Trinity, your servant Francis, in his missionary expeditions in India, was calling children armed with a bell, and they were the first to answer the call. These same children, the first also to learn the prayers, would go to the next village to announce the arrival of the missionary.

Give us, Lord, children's spontaneity to welcome your Kingdom and spread it broadly.

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Day 5:

Eternal Father, your servant went to the South of India to pearl fishers whose life was very hard. He baptized entire villages to the point that his arm was sore, according to what his master Ignatius reported.

May the baptized constantly renew their missionary engagement in the Holy Spirit received with the sacrament of Confirmation. May the Church grow not only the number of its members, but also feel that they grow in holiness.

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Day 6:

Lord Jesus, your apostle Francis Xavier travelled along the coasts of Sri Lanka where the peoples welcomed him with open arms. He saw that they were vulnerable to enemy attacks. Actually, Francis would ask Portuguese to protect them better against the attacks from the Arabs.

Lord, help us overcome all obstacles affecting the mission.

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Day 7:

O Holy Spirit, you have guided St. Francis Xavier up to Malaku Islands in Indonesia, where one could find precious spices. He met there unknown people, but despite the language barrier, he was able to love them with your Spirit.

Holy Spirit, help us break down the barriers that prevent us from communicating with our brothers and sisters that have turned their back on the Church. Open the way that leads to communicating with them and establishing a dialogue.

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Day 8:

O Holy Trinity, your servant Francis Xavier travelled through Japan to bring salvation to the people. Yet, the brave Jesuit had to respond, at the right time and the wrong time, to the objections of his opponents who tried to understand this evangelical “newness.”

Give us the patience to enter in dialogue with the non-believers whenever possible, or to pray in their favour when we cannot.

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Day 9:

O Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, your servant Francis Xavier died in miserable conditions on an island facing China. He very much wanted to go there, but the access was denied.

O God of love, open the doors of all hearts closed to the proclamation of the Gospel, and may men and women of today recognize your message of deliverance and peace.

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