

THE PATRICIAN PRAYER

(To be recited by all in unison, standing)

In the name of the Father, etc.
Beloved Lord, bless the Society of the Patricians
into which we have entered
for the purpose of drawing closer to you
and to Mary, your Mother, who is our Mother also.
Aid us to the knowing of our Catholic faith,
so that its transforming truths may be operative in our lives.
Help us also to an understanding of your intimate union with us,
by which we not only live in you, but also depend upon each other,
in such manner that if some relax, others suffer and may perish.
Enable us to glimpse the weighty but glorious burden which is
 thereby laid upon us,
and to yearn to bear it for you.
We realize the kind of people we are:
The reluctance of our nature:
how unfitted we are to offer our shoulders to you.
Yet we have confidence that you will regard our faith rather than our
 frailty,
and the necessities of your work
rather than the inadequate of the instruments.
So, uniting our voice with the maternal pleadings of Mary,
we beg from your Heavenly Father and from you
the gift of the Holy Spirit:
to abide with us:
to teach us your life-giving doctrine:
to supply all things that are needful to us,
Grant, too, that having been bounteously endowed,
we may generously give;
for otherwise the world may not receive the fruits
of your Incarnation and most cruel Death.
Oh do not let labor and suffering so great be wasted. Amen.
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