

## Intercessors

A PRAYER MEDITATION FROM *AMBASSADORS OF JESUS CHRIST*

“Whatever you ask for in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.” (Mt 21:22)

### FIRST MOVEMENT

1. **Take a few minutes to remember that God is always with you, supporting and sustaining you in the work you do.**

“Behold, I am with you always, even until the end of time.” (Mt 28:20)

2. **Ask for the grace to know what it is that God wants of you and the determination to do that which your baptism and ministry require.**

“Speak, Lord, for your servant listens.” (1 Sam 3:10)

### SECOND MOVEMENT

3. **Contemplate the Mystery of God’s Love at Work in the World**

Read the following Scripture passage. What words or phrases especially catch your attention? Listen to what is being said. Try to enter into the Mystery. Lovingly contemplate Jesus Christ and the relationship into which Christ is inviting you.

“Ask, and you will receive. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and it will be opened to you. For the one who asks, receives. The one who seeks, finds. Would one of you hand your children stones when they ask for a loaf of bread, or a poisonous snake when they ask for a fish? If you in your sinfulness know how to give your children what is good, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to anyone who asks him! Treat others the way that you would have them treat you; this sums up the whole of the law and the prophets.” (Mt 7:7-12)

4. **Reflect on the Mystery of God’s Love at Work in Your Own Life**

Allow the following passages to illuminate the nature of your relationship with those who have been entrusted to you.

“Those who come to you ... are convinced that you have received the grace to support the weak, to teach the ignorant, to correct the delinquent. They come

to you, as tired and weary travelers, beseeching you to relieve their needs.”  
(Meditation No. 37.1)

“You may be quite certain that God will refuse you nothing that you ask with faith and confidence in his goodness.” (Meditation No. 38.2)

Admire the goodness of God, providing for all the needs of his creatures, taking the means to procure for them the knowledge of what is truly good. ... Offer yourself to God ... to assist those who are entrusted to you as far as he will require of you.” (Meditation No. 197.1)

“It is your duty to go up to God every day in prayer to learn from him all that you must share with those confided to you, and then come down to them by accommodating yourself to their level in order to share with them all that God has communicated to you for them – as much in your prayer as in the holy Scriptures which furnish you with the truths of religion and the practical maxims of the holy Gospel.” (Meditation No. 198.1)

“God ... cares for them as their protector, their support, and their Father. But the care he seeks to take of them he devolves upon you. This God of mercy places them in your keeping promising to give them all that you ask for them.”  
(Meditation No. 37.3)

“Ask God to be such good guides, through the light your praying will obtain for you and the fidelity you bring to your work, that you will see clearly every obstacle to their good and help keep away every harm that could injure them on their way to a fuller union with God.” (Meditation No. 197.3)

Do you present to God the hopes and the prayers of those with whom you work? Do you pray for them and with them, giving voice to what is often difficult for them to express for themselves?

Do you often, fervently and insistently, ask God for what you know they need?

Do you inspire them with the kind of good and holy thoughts which are capable of leading them to God? Do you encourage them to ask forgiveness for their faults and to resolve to do what is good and truly pleasing to God and helpful for their neighbor?

### THIRD MOVEMENT

#### **5. Resolve to Be More Open to the Work of the Spirit In and Through You Today**

Take a few minutes and speak to God about those who have been confided to your care.

Thank God for the ministry with which you have been entrusted and ask for the grace to do it well.

What changes are being called for in your life as you attempt to respond to the needs of others? Is there anything inhibiting this change from happening?

This prayer meditation is an excerpt from *Ambassadors of Jesus Christ: Prayer Meditations for Christian Educators* (1995) by Brother William Mann, FSC, Brother Henry Dissanayke, FSC, and Brother Isaias Tzegay, FSC. This book contains 35 meditations that invite one to enter into the three movements of Saint John Baptist de La Salle's *Method of Interior Prayer*.