

A Litany in Honor of Blessed Frédéric Ozanam

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
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Christ hear us. Christ graciously hear us.

God, Creator of the world, have mercy on us.
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
God, the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier, have mercy on us.

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, pray for us.
St. Vincent de Paul, Father of the Poor, pray for us.

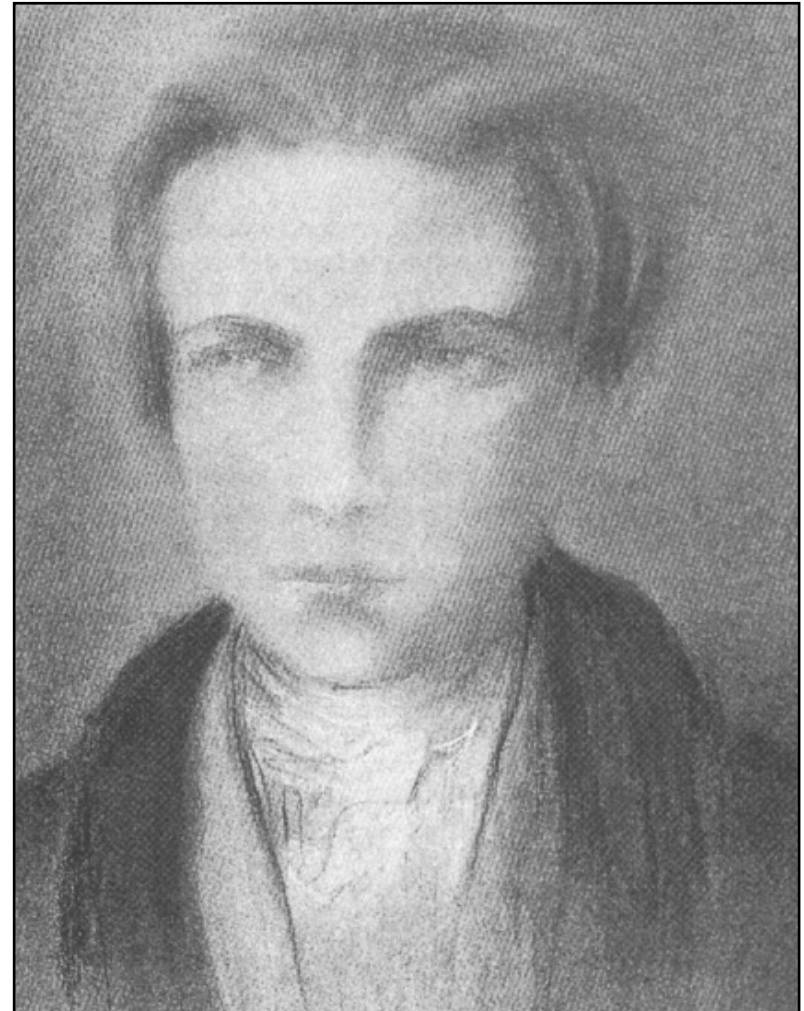
Frederic Ozanam, defender of faith, pray for us.
Frederic Ozanam, promoter of hope, pray for us.
Frederic Ozanam, apostle of charity, pray for us.
Frederic Ozanam, exemplary husband and father, pray for us.
Frederic Ozanam, lover of poverty and the poor, pray for us.
Frederic Ozanam, advocate of the dignity of the human person, pray for us.
Frederic Ozanam, pioneer of the social doctrine of the Church, pray for us.
Frederic Ozanam, servant of truth, pray for us.
Frederic Ozanam, model of Catholic teachers and professors, pray for us.
Frederic Ozanam, exemplar for authors and journalists, pray for us.
Frederic Ozanam, mediator for Catholic lawyers, pray for us.
Frederic Ozanam, lay missionary, pray for us.
Frederic Ozanam, faithful son of the Church, pray for us.
Frederic Ozanam, initiator of collaborative ministry, pray for us.
Frederic Ozanam, model of courageous commitment, pray for us.
Frederic Ozanam, grand figure of the Catholic laity, pray for us.
Frederic Ozanam, example of Christian holiness, pray for us.
Frederic Ozanam, founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us.
Frederic Ozanam, disciple of St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us.
Frederic Ozanam, our intercessor at the throne of God, pray for us.

Christ hear us. Christ graciously hear us.

Let us pray.
God, you raised up Blessed Frederic, setting him ablaze with the spirit of your Love, to encourage groups of lay people in the service of the poor: grant that following his example we may carry out your commandment to love, and so become like yeast in the world of our day.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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MASS IN HONOR OF BLESSED FRÉDÉRIC OZANAM September 9



Opening prayer

You raised up Blessed Frederic Ozanam, God, as someone blazing with the spirit of your love, so that he could encourage a group of lay people in helping the poor. Help us who see his example, to carry out your commandments of love, and become like yeast in the mixture of the human race.
We make our prayer through our Lord...

Amen

Liturgy of the word

Give a hearing to the poor person and deliver the oppressed from the hand of the oppressor.

A reading from the book of Sirach 3:29-30; 4:1-10

The mind of the intelligent man will ponder a parable, and an attentive ear is the wise man's desire.

Water extinguishes a blazing fire: so almsgiving atones for sin. Whoever requites favors gives thought to the future; at the moment of his falling he will find support.

My son, deprive no the poor of his living, and do not keep needy eyes waiting. Do not grieve the one who is hungry, nor anger a man in want. Do not add to the troubles of an angry mind, nor delay your gift to a beggar. Do not reject an afflicted suppliant, nor turn you face away from the poor. Do not avert your eye from the needy, nor give a man occasion to curse you; for if in bitterness of soul he calls down a curse upon you, his Creator will hear his prayer.

Make yourself beloved in the congregation; bow your head low to a great man. Incline your ear to the poor, and answer him peaceably and gently. Deliver him who is wronged from the hand of the wrongdoer; and do not be fainthearted in judging a case. Be like a father to orphans, and like a husband to their mother; you will then be like a son of the Most High, and he will love you more than does your mother.

Psalm

R. Listen, Lord, to the poor person and deliver the oppressed from the hand of the oppressor.

Give the king thy judgements,
O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son.
He shall judge thy people with righteousness,
And thy poor with judgement.

The mountains shall bring peace to the people,
and the little hills, by righteousness.
He shall judge the poor of the people,
he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

He shall spare the poor and needy,
and shall save the souls of the needy.
He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence:
and precious shall their blood be in his sight.

His name shall endure for ever:
his name shall be continued as long as the sun:
and men shall be blessed in him:
all nations shall call him blessed.

Alleluia

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord : love one another.

Gospel Lk 10, 25-37

And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying "Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said unto him, "What is written in the law? How readeest thou?"

And he answering said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself". And he said unto him, "Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live".

But he willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

And Jesus answering said, "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he was him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him. And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thickets thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves?"

And he said, "He that shewed mercy on him".

Then said Jesus unto him, "Go, and do thou likewise".

Prayer after communion

Let us pray.

God, you who have strengthened us by this communion, help us to follow the example of Blessed Frederic Ozanam in the love to which he witnessed and in the charity to which he gave proof toward your people.

Through Jesus, the Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.