Prayers

for the Feastdays of the De La Salle Brothers who are Saints

The Martyrs of Almeria, Spain - 16 November

(8 Brothers killed in 1936)

Lord God, may the witness of the Martyrs of Almeria strengthen our faith. May their martyrdom be the seed for our growth in holiness. Give us the power of your Spirit to promote understanding and reconciliation, that all may live justly and in peace as brothers and sisters of Jesus, your Son. Amen.

## Blessed Brother Arnold - 23 October

(1838-1890)

God our Father, open our eyes

to the splendour of your creation,

to the dignity of those who are made in your image and likeness, and to the opportunities each day brings.

Through the intercession of Blessed Brother Arnold,

inspire young people to respond generously

to your call to holiness,

that each may accomplish what you want of them.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Saint Benilde - 29 January (or 13 August)

(1805-1862)

God our Father, inspire us by the example of Saint Benilde to follow Christ our Teacher. May we live joyfully in your love and grow in awareness of your presence in our lives each day. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Saint Jaime Hilario - 18 January

(martyred in 1937)

God our Father,

we honour Brother Jaime who willingly gave his life in joyful sacrifice, proud in the knowledge of who you called him to be. Inspire us with his living faith and vitality that we may hear your words addressed to us and be faithful messengers of the gospel of Jesus your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

# Saint John Baptist De La Salle - 7 April (or mid-May)

(1651-1719: the Patron Saint of Teachers)

God, ever-faithful, we thank you for the gift to your Church of Saint John Baptist De La Salle.We pray that, like him, we may deepen our friendship with you

and grow more aware of your presence in our lives each day. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Saint John Baptist de La Salle Patron of Teachers

## Saint Miguel - 9 February

(1854-1910)

Father, may the prayers and example of Saint Miguel help us to see what is praiseworthy in others and be of encouragement.Help us to discover your will for us and live simply in the ways of the gospel.We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Mutien-Marie - 30 January (1841-1917)

Lord our God,

may the life and witness of Brother Mutien inspire us to live more faithfully your call to walk in your presence and grow in holiness. Lead us to delight in the life you bring through all the circumstances in which you place us and with the people whom you entrust to us. Lead us to discover the simplicity of the gospel and be credible witnesses of your love, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Brother-Martyrs of the French Revolution - 2 September

(Brothers Léon, Roger, Solomon and Uldaric, martyred 1792-1794)

God our Father, through the prayers of our Martyrs who bore faithful witness to the end of their lives, inspire us to give of ourselves in joyful sacrifice. Empower us with your Spirit that we may grow in wisdom and integrity of character and develop a true sense of values through following Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Blessed Brother Scubilion - 27 September

(1797-1867)

Lord, you set before us the example of Brother Scubilion, who lived his life in your presence, preached the good news to the poor, and brought liberty to captives. May his prayers help us to acknowledge and to confirm for others that each of us is made in your image and likeness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Martyrs of Turon, Asturias, Spain - 9 October

(8 Brothers and a Passionist priest, martyred together in 1934)

God our Father,
in the Martyrs of Turon
we see the transforming power of the gospel.
Empower us with your Spirit
and inspire us to take the gospel seriously
that we, too, may embrace the cross with courage
and be credible witnesses of your love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The full 4-page Mass texts (of which the above form the Opening Prayer) and 4-page prayer services for each of these feastdays can be sent by e-mail by contacting Brother Nicholas Hutchinson at <u>Nicholas@prayingeachday.org</u>

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