

# Prayers from the Holy Cross Tradition at the University of Portland

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## For Holy Cross Collaborators

Gracious God,  
we ask your blessing on those men and women  
who share in the mission of Holy Cross  
through their prayer and dedicated work in our ministries.

In their collaboration with us,  
may they not only recognize and develop their own gifts,  
but discover the deepest longing in their lives.

Increase their commitment to the mission,  
and their devotion to our beloved founder, Basil Moreau.

Bless their families and loved ones,  
and may they truly be men and women  
with hope to bring.

We make our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son,  
with Mary, our Sorrowful Mother, at our side.

Amen.

## Intercessory Prayer for Fr. Moreau

Lord God,  
through the intercession of Blessed Basil Moreau,  
help us to imitate his virtues:

Especially his trust in Divine Providence,  
his confidence in the Cross as our only hope,  
and his zeal for the apostolate.

Amen.

## Intercessory Prayer for St. Andre Bessette

Through the prayers and example of St. Andre Bessette,  
may we grow in our devotion to St. Joseph,  
and in our commitment to the poor and the afflicted.  
Amen.

## Prayer to St. Joseph, Patron of Holy Cross

We pray to you, Saint Joseph,  
as our powerful protector and intercessor with God,  
and as the patron and benefactor of Holy Cross.

With confidence, we pray  
that you will bless and protect us during this life,  
and at the hour of our death.

Teach us to live with the interior spirit  
and the virtues of the Holy Child, Jesus.  
Glorious Joseph, protect forever our Congregation;  
bless and inspire those who govern it.

Graciously look upon this community  
and on all our religious wherever they may be;  
increase our number with those who will glorify God;  
and keep us ever faithful to our religious life.

Protect all those who honor you,  
and bless in abundance those who do good to us.

Guide us all to life everlasting.

Saint Joseph, pray for us.

Amen.

# Vocation Prayer to Mary, Mother of Sorrows

Hail Mary, full of grace, all generations call you blessed.

Hail Mary, Mother of Sorrows,  
upon hearing the prophecy of Simeon, a sword pierced your heart.  
Comfort those discerning God's call,  
that to follow your Son as a Holy Cross priest, brother, or sister  
is not just demanding, but joy filled.

Hail Mary, Mother of Sorrows,  
you made the journey to Egypt with Joseph  
to ensure your Son's safety.  
Give courage to and perseverance to those  
who find the journey of discernment unsettling.  
Assure them that God will eventually lead them safely home.

Hail Mary, Mother of Sorrows,  
you searched for your Son, Jesus, in the Temple.  
Be with those who search for God's truth in their lives.  
Lead them to the light of his will.

Hail Mary, Mother of Sorrows,  
on the road to Calvary your eyes of compassion lovingly looked upon your Son.  
Turn your gentle gaze upon those contemplating his footsteps.  
May they be inspired by the example and witness  
of a "great band of men" in Holy Cross  
who walked side by side in their following of the Lord.

Hail Mary, Mother of Sorrows, at the foot of the Cross,  
you witnessed your Son's total gift of self to the Father.  
Strengthen those who wish to abandon all in his holy name.

Hail Mary, Mother of Sorrows,  
you lovingly embraced the lifeless body  
of your Son, Jesus Christ, after his crucifixion.  
Hold close to your heart those in the Congregation  
whose vocations suffer from listlessness and apathy.

Hail Mary, Mother of Sorrows,  
you were present when Jesus' body was laid in the tomb.  
Encourage those discerning religious life in Holy Cross  
to lay their fears at the feet of your Son,  
confident in the hope and promise of new life.

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
may future generations of Holy Cross religious call you blessed.  
Amen.

## **For the Family of Holy Cross**

Almighty God,  
source of light and glory,  
through the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Family of Holy Cross  
you have called us to make your truth and justice known.

Like the stars in the heavens,  
may we extend your light throughout the world,  
a world enslaved by injustice and war,  
hatred, mistrust, and division.

May our example and teaching  
be a means to transform minds and hearts,  
to prepare the world for better times,  
for the coming of your reign.

Empower us with hope in your glory,  
so we can remain faithful  
and complete the work you have entrusted to us.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

