

Prayers from the Holy Cross Tradition at the University of Portland

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 Blessed Basil 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.

Suscipe of Blessed Basil Moreau

If God has given me a mind, it is so that I may know Him.

If He has given me a heart free to love,
it is so that I may attach myself to Him.

If He has given me limbs, health, and strength,
it is so that I may use them in His strength and service.

If I am all that I am, it is only for Him
and I must strive to unceasingly towards Him as my own center.

For Those to Whom We Minister

Loving Father,

as we come as seravnt and neighbor to support people of goodwill
in their efforts to from communities of the coming kingdom,
clasp us more firmly to yourself
and use our hands and minds to do the work only you can do.

Bless all those you have entrusted to our ministry.

Help them to recognize and discover their own gifts
and place them at the service of your kingdom.

Help them to discover the deepest longng in their lives
and to know you alone as their fulfillment.

Help them to experience at eac and every moment
the depth of your love in the gift of your Son and Spirit,
so that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Amen.

