



A Prayer for St. Ignatius Parish

Heavenly Father,

As Saint Ignatius that he be placed with your Son, you assured him of your support: "I shall be with you." You asked Jesus carrying his cross to take him as a servant, and this he did in turning to Ignatius with those unforgettable words: "It is my will that you serve us." We desire the same.

As a community of believers, we in our turn address to you the same prayer, asking that you place our parish with your Son and to serve "under the banner of the Cross" where Jesus is nailed out of obedience, with his side pierced and his heart opened as a sign of his love for you and for all women and men.

We renew today our consecration of our parish, St. Ignatius Church, to the Heart of Jesus, we promise you our fidelity and we ask for the grace to continue to serve you and to serve your Son through an outpouring of mercy and gentle love to those we meet and serve.

Through the intercession of the Virgin Mary who stood before the Cross where Jesus Christ gives to us the treasures of his open heart, through Him and in Him, we say from the very depths of our being:

"Take, O Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will. Whatever I have or hold, you have given me; I restore it all to you and surrender it wholly to be governed by your will. Give me only your love and your grace, and I am rich enough and ask for nothing more."

Adapted from the prayer written by Father Pedro Arrupe



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