

YOUNG ADULT PRAYER of BEATITUDES
Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, Patron of Young Adults

Leader: As we gather in prayer, we ask for the intercession of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, patron of young adults. Frassati was a young man who understood what it means to give hope to those most in need. He gave them far more than material goods. He gave himself by giving his time, his words and his capacity to listen. Just like the Virgin Mary, he served very quietly and unassumingly. He truly did what the Gospel tells us: "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:30). Imagine that, on the day before his death when he was gravely ill, he was giving directions on how his friends in need should be helped. At his funeral, his family and friends were stunned by the presence of so many poor people unknown to them. They had been befriended and helped by the young Pier Giorgio.

We turn now to him in prayer and ask his intercession to help us live the beatitudes in our ministry with young adults:

1. Leader: *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Young Adult: "The faith given to me in Baptism surely suggests to me that of yourself you will do nothing; but if you have God as the center of all your actions, then you will reach the goal."

All: Lord Jesus help us to be poor in spirit and realize our need for Your rule in our lives. Help us to humbly realize Your promise to have the kingdom of heaven.

2. Leader: *Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

Young Adult: "Our life, in order to be Christian, has to be a continual renunciation, a continual sacrifice. But this is not difficult, if one thinks what these few years passed in suffering are, compared with eternal happiness where joy will have no measure or end, and where we shall have unimaginable peace."

All: Lord Jesus when we mourn or suffer any kind of grief, help us to come to You and receive the comfort that only You can provide. Thank You that You will not leave us comfortless.

3. Leader: *Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*

Young Adult: "With violence you sow hatred, and you harvest its bad fruits. With charity, you sow peace among men – not the peace that the world gives, but the true peace that only faith in Jesus Christ can give us in common brotherhood."

All: Lord Jesus help us to be meek and have a gentleness of spirit. Thank You that meekness means wholly relying on You and trusting You to defend us.

4. Leader: *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."*

Young Adult "What wealth it is to be in good health, as we are! But we have the duty of putting our health at the service of those who do not have it. To act otherwise would be to betray that gift of God."

All: Lord Jesus help us to hunger and thirst to see right prevail. Thank You that as we do this we will be filled with Your Holy Spirit and see right overcome wrong.

5. Leader: Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Young Adult: “St. Paul says that “the charity of Christ urges us.” Without this flame, which should burn out our personality little by little and blaze only for other people’s griefs, we would not be Christian, let alone Catholic.”

All: Lord Jesus help us to reflect Your mercy and compassion. Thank You that as we do this we will experience Your unending mercy and compassion.

6. Leader: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Young Adult: I beg you to pray for me a little, so that God may give me an iron will that does not bend and does not fail in His projects.”

All: Lord Jesus help us to allow You to search our hearts and remove anything that is not pleasing in Your sight

7. Leader: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Young Adult: “I offer you my best wishes – or, rather, only one wish, but the only wish that a true friend can express for a dear friend: may the peace of the Lord be with you always! For, if you possess peace every day, you will be truly rich.”

All: Lord Jesus help us to always spread Your peace wherever we go that we may be known as Your children. Thank You that Your peace is a peace beyond any circumstance and beyond our understanding

8. Leader: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Young Adult: “To live without faith, without a patrimony to defend, without a steady struggle for truth – that is not living, but existing.”

All: Pray for us Pier Giorgio Frassati. Show us the road "verso l’alto", that rises to Heaven and close to the heart of God. Teach us to be saints for the Church and for the world!

Leader:

O Father,

*You gave to the young Pier Giorgio Frassati
the joy of meeting Christ and of living his faith
in the service of the poor and the sick;
through his intercession may we, too,
walk the path of the beatitudes and
follow the example of his generosity,
spreading the spirit of the Gospel in society.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

*Adapted from the Novena to Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati +Cardinal Giovanni Saldarini,
Archbishop of Turin*