



PRAYER TO OBTAIN A FAVOR THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF ST. ANDRÉ

(from the Directory of Devotional Prayer)

Lord,

You have chosen Brother André to spread devotion to Saint Joseph and to dedicate himself to all those who are poor and afflicted.

Grant through his intercession the favor we now request....

Grant us the grace to imitate his piety and charity so that, with him,
We may share the reward promised to all who care for their neighbors out of love
for you.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen

MEMORARE TO ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE

Remember, O faithful devotee of St. Joseph, and humble servant of the poor and afflicted, that never has it been known that anyone who asked for your help and sought your intercession was left unaided.

In your ministry as porter, you opened the doors of both buildings and hearts with gracious hospitality.

United in prayer with Jesus and Mary, intercede for your religious family of Holy Cross as we commemorate your canonization.

May we share in the spirit of gracious hospitality that marked your life in Holy Cross so that all who knock on the doors of our works and hearts may experience the healing love and tenderness of God. Amen.

SAINT JOHN PAUL II'S PRAYER AT THE TOMB OF BROTHER ANDRÉ *(September 11, 1984)*

And you, Brother André Bessette, college doorkeeper and guardian of this Oratory, fill with hope the hearts of all who implore your assistance. Teach us to trust in the power of prayer and in the path of conversion and the sacraments.

Through you and St. Joseph, may God continue to pour out his blessings upon the Congregation of Holy Cross, upon all visitors to this Oratory, upon the city of Montréal, upon the people of Quebec and Canada, and upon the whole Church. Amen.

TO VENERATE THE RELIC OF ST. ANDRÉ

Lord, come to our aid, and help us to value, understand, and follow the example of good Brother André.

In the image of this modest and simple man, teach us to live honorably as the poor in spirit and not to give in to the temptation to place ourselves above other persons. In the image of this man of solidarity, help us to surrender our life for the sake of others.

In the image of his receptive spirit, with its penetrating vision, teach us honesty and transparency.

In the image of this man of prayer, dedicated to God, transform us into an instrument of your love, attentive to your will.

Thus, with the help of Saint Joseph and the example of Saint Brother André, we shall be able to love, to heal, to serve, and to pray. Amen.

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PARISH PRAYER TO ST. ANDRÉ

Lord our God, friend of the lowly, who gave your servant St. André Bessette, a great devotion to Saint Joseph and a special commitment to the poor and afflicted.

As members of this parish, we ask your help through his intercession to follow his example of prayer and love and so be a community where love, healing, and holiness are experienced among your children, so that we will all come to share with him in your glory.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

PRAYER TO ST. ANDRÉ, PATRON OF HOME CAREGIVERS

Saint Brother André, day after day, you welcomed with love and compassion those who came to you to share in their suffering.

You were well acquainted with fatigue from long hours dedicated to the service of others.

Who, better than you, can understand the exhaustion of women and men who devote themselves day after day to the service of a dear one marked by illness?

Who, better than you, can relate to the suffering of sick persons and with their contentment in having someone near them, willing to take care of them day after day?

O patron saint of home caregivers, help us every day to somehow find the strength to love the people whom we serve and the joy in receiving their love in return.

With you, we bring our happiness and our heartaches to the feet of the Lord. With you, we commend ourselves to Saint Joseph and the Virgin Mary.

With you, we turn towards God our Father,
the source of every grace and every good thing. Amen.

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PRAYER TO ST. ANDRÉ FOR HEALING

Saint André, I come to you in prayer for healing.

(state your intention)

You were no stranger to illness. Plagued by stomach problems, you knew suffering on a daily basis, but you never lost faith in God.

Thousands of people have sought your healing touch as I do today. Pray that I might be restored to health in body, soul, and mind.

With St. Joseph as my loving Protector, strengthen my faith and give me peace that I might accept God's will for me no matter what the outcome. Amen.