

In Prayer with Blessed Pier Giorgio

Psalm 118, 9-16

How can a young person live a clean life?

By carefully reading the map of your Word.

I'm single-minded in pursuit of you;

don't let me miss the road signs you've posted.

I've banked your promises in the vault of my heart

so I won't sin myself bankrupt.

Be blessed, God;

train me in your ways of wise living.

I'll transfer to my lips

all the counsel that comes from your mouth;

I delight far more in what you tell me about living

than in gathering a pile of riches.

I ponder every morsel of wisdom from you,

I attentively watch how you've done it.

I relish everything you've told me of life,

I won't forget a word of it.

Glory...

1 letter st John 5, 1-4

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ²This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

In these tragic, painful moments in which your homeland is trampled by the foreign foot, while your antagonist occupies your homes as an enemy of the Fatherland, we, the Catholic students send the expression of our brotherly love. We do not have the possibility to change the sad situation, but we feel in us the full force of our Christian love which unites us beyond the borders of all nations.... Brothers, in these new trials and terrible sorrows, know that the large Christian family is praying for you.

Pier Giorgio Frassati. Letter to the German students after the occupation of the Ruhr by the French, January 1923

'We have lost the most beautiful and best thing that God has given to mankind, namely freedom, without which life becomes difficult [...] the war has annihilated the moral sense in all nations [...] while our Catholic conscience trembles before this infamy. [...] We do not have the possibility of changing the sad situation, but we feel the full strength of our Christian love that unites us beyond the borders of all nations [...] Catholics, you and we must carry the breath of goodness that can only come from the faith of Christ.'

Pier Giorgio Frassati. Letter to Willibald Leitgeb, January 1923:

Let's Know Pier Giorgio: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XaFLo36mYkA> (1 minute).

Holy Father, in your mystery of love you wanted to give us the company of the saints. Through some thoughts of Piergiorgio, we raise our prayers to you.

- ***Grant us to love like Jesus!***

- *Keep in mind that the Church is a divine institution and cannot end, indeed it will last until the end of the world, for 'the gates of hell shall not prevail against it'.* For the Pope, for our bishops, for priests and deacons and for the whole Church; may they witness and spread love to God and neighbour, and defend life at every moment; let us pray.

- *"I would like us to swear a covenant that knows no earthly boundaries or temporal limits: union in prayer."* That united in prayer we may proclaim the Word that saves, to every person we meet along the paths of our lives; let us pray.

- *Jesus visits me every morning in Holy Communion. I give it to him, with my poor means, by visiting the poor.* That we may know how to adore and celebrate the Eucharist as the source and summit of life at the service of man, as spiritual food, indispensable for meeting you and our brothers; let us pray.

- *"Through charity we sow peace among men"* That the world may find in the Gospel the guidance to build peace and brotherhood; let us pray.

- *"I am poor like all the poor. And I want to work for them"* That the service to the poor, the weak and excluded, the sick, the lonely and hopeless, may be the badge of our being believers; let us pray.

- *"Living without faith, without a patrimony to defend, without supporting the Truth in a continuous struggle is not living, but dragging our life"* That young people on the example of Pier Giorgio, know how to make courageous choices in order to witness by their lives,

their faith, truth, love, justice; let us pray.

Our Father ...

O Father, who gave the blessed young Pier Giorgio Frassati the joy to meet Christ in faith and in charity, through his intercession grant that we too may spread among the people of our time the spirit of the evangelical beatitudes. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who is God, and lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.