

Saint Father Peter Claver, SJ (1580 - 1654 AD)



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Known as the "Patron Saint of Negro Missions," and a fierce abolitionist, "Peter Claver was born in 1580 of a working-class family in Catalonia, Spain. He joined the Jesuits and studied at Majorca, where the porter Alphonsus Rodriguez urged him to apply for the South American missions.

After his ordination at Cartagena (in present-day Colombia), Peter declared himself "Aethiopum Servus, Slave of the Africans." He devoted himself to the multitudes of slaves who were brought to work the farms and mines, feeding, bandaging, catechizing and fathering them.

To their owners, he preached mercy. In his later years, Peter gave an annual retreat to the rough seamen who entered the port. He died in 1654 and was canonized in 1888 alongside Alphonsus Rodriguez." *

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Saint Father Peter Claver, pray for us, that The LORD would fill us with The Divine Mercy in strength and goodness, that we might be Your instruments to live and preach The Gospel, to effectively oppose the evil works of the world, flesh and Devil wherever You send us. AMEN.

"O GOD, Who made Saint Peter Claver a slave of slaves and strengthened him with wonderful charity and patience as he came to their help, grant, through his intercession, that, seeking the things of JESUS CHRIST, we may love our neighbor in deeds and in truth.

Through our Lord JESUS CHRIST,
Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You
in The Unity of The HOLY SPIRIT,
GOD, for ever and ever." * AMEN.

COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EitJ0J6WsmM&list=RDs7BB6kArmoI&index=18>

12 Put on therefore, as the elect of GOD, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as CHRIST forgave you, so also do ye.

14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

15 And let The Peace of GOD rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in One Body; and be ye thankful.

16 Let The Word of CHRIST dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with Grace in your hearts to The Lord.

17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in The Name of The Lord JESUS, giving thanks to GOD and The Father by Him.

* ["Saint Peter Claver." The Magnificat, 9/09/2021. Memorial & Collect, p 115-116.]