

Saint Francis Xavier, SJ – 12/03/2021 AD (1506 – 1552 AD)



<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Francis-Xavier>

The Jesuits were founded in 1540 by Saint Ignatius of Loyola and a handful of companions, including Saint Francis Xavier. The Society of JESUS has since its founding focused on evangelizing The Gospel, apostolic ministry, charity and education, in now well over 100 countries. Not without controversy, Pope Francis is the first Jesuit Roman Catholic Pontiff.

<https://www.jesuits.org/about-us/the-jesuits/>

Francis was born in Navarre, Spain After studies at the University of Paris, he was Ordained a Priest in 1534. As Europeans established trade and colonies overseas, The Church followed. Francis was personally and boldly responsible for baptizing multitudes of souls, tirelessly ministering to GOD's people, catechizing and establishing many parish Churches.

“A founding member of the Jesuit Order, Francis eagerly accepted a commission to preach The Gospel to the peoples of the East. Arriving at Goa, India, he began his work catechizing the Portuguese. From there he traveled to India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia and Japan.

In a letter from India he wrote, “I looked or desired for nothing here but to wear myself out with work and sacrifice my life itself in bringing about the salvation of souls.”

Firm, thorough and determined, Francis was always looking for a way to extend the reach of The Gospel. He was preparing to enter the vast territory of China when he died in 1552.”

“Saint Francis Xavier is an Advent Saint: he announced the dawn of The Reign of GOD in The Coming of CHRIST to peoples in the Far East. Like Saint John The Baptist, the Advent Prophet, he sacrificed his life for The Word he preached.” * He is fittingly a Patron Saint of Catholic Missions.

Saint Francis Xavier, pray for us, that we may also be given The Divine Grace and Gifts to spread The Holy Gospel of our Savior JESUS CHRIST with the same fervor and dedication in our own daily spiritual battles that GOD equipped you with in The HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

“O Lord, You sent Saint Francis Xavier to the lands
Of the Rising Sun to preach there the end of the world's
Long night of sin and death. Enlighten all who do not
Yet believe, and strengthen those who do, that Your Kingdom
May dawn on all people through JESUS CHRIST our Lord.” *
AMEN.

PSALM 27:1-5

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uiHu3Qc_JaM

O King JESUS CHRIST, our Light, our Strength, our Rock!

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

3 Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

4 One thing have I desired of The LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in The House of The LORD all the days of my life, to behold The Beauty of The LORD, and to enquire in His Temple.

5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His Pavilion: in the secret of His Tabernacle shall He hide me; He shall set me up upon a Rock.

*[“Saint Francis Xavier.” The Magnificat, 12/03/2021. Memorial, p 45-46. Introduction, p 43. Intercessions, p 45.]