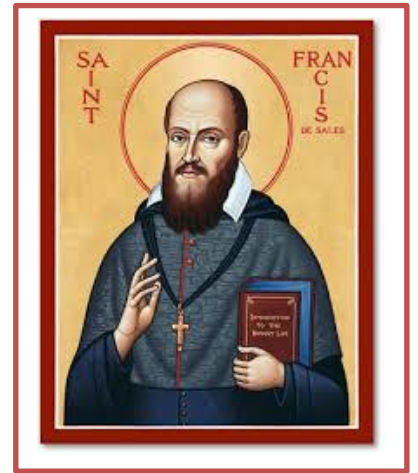


NOVENA TO ST FRANCIS DE SALES - DAY 6

Meditation

Do not pay any attention to the kind of work you do, but rather to the honor that it brings to God, even though it may seem quite trivial. Desire only to do the Divine Will, following Divine Providence, which is the disposition of Divine Wisdom. In a word, if your works are pleasing to God and recognized as such, that is all that matters. Work hard every day at increasing your purity of heart, which consists in appraising things and weighing them in the balance of God's will. (Letters 280; O. XIII, p. 53)



Prayer

O blessed Francis de Sales, who on earth did excel in a life of virtue, especially in the love of God and neighbour, I earnestly ask you to take me under your compassionate care and protection. Obtain for me conversion of mind and heart.

Grant that all people, especially (*names of those whom you wish to include*) may experience the depth of God's redeeming and healing love.

Teach me to fix my eyes on the things of heaven even as I walk each day with my feet planted firmly on the earth. Help me, through the practice of virtue and the pursuit of devotion, to avoid anything that would otherwise cause me to stumble in my attempt to follow Christ and to be an instrument of the Holy Spirit. Encouraged by your prayers and example, help me to live fully my sacred dignity with the hope of experiencing my sacred destiny: eternal life with God.

Receive also this particular need or concern that I now lift up in prayer. (*mention your particular need*).

O God, for the salvation of all, you desired that St. Francis de Sales— preacher, missionary, confessor, bishop and founder—should befriend many along the road to salvation.

Mercifully grant that we, infused with the humility and gentleness of his charity, guided by his wisdom and sharing in his spirit may experience eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Francis de Sales, pray for us.

Live Jesus! In Our Hearts

