

PRAYER SERVICE IN DEVOTION TO SAINT LOUIS

(Prayer Service without readings)



Call to Worship

Saint Louis of France, the patron of our Archdiocese and our city, was known as a model king who brought equal justice to the rich and poor. He took special care of lepers and fed the poor each day at his own table. He was a great evangelizer, crusader, husband, and father of eleven children. During the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the city of St. Louis, we turn in prayer to Saint Louis and ask his continued guidance and prayers for our Archdiocese, our city, our parishes, schools, religious educational communities, and families.

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In the name of the Father . . . **R/. Amen**

Our help is in the name of the Lord. **R/. Who made heaven and earth.**

Opening Prayer

Father,

You called Saint Louis to be a wise and just ruler.

By the help of his prayers may we help build your eternal Kingdom through our works of justice and mercy here on earth.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Litany of St. Louis, King of France

*Our response to the following petitions of the Litany of Saint Louis, King of France is: **Pray for us.***

St. Louis, Most Christian King,

R/. Pray for Us.

St. Louis, brave soldier of Jesus Christ: **R/.**

St. Louis, our gentle Franciscan Brother: **R/.**

St. Louis, dutiful son of a good mother: **R/.**

St. Louis, faithful husband of a worthy wife: **R/.**

St. Louis, tender father of a Christian family: **R/.**

St. Louis, wise ruler of a happy kingdom: **R/.**

St. Louis, generous builder of temples of God: **R/.**

St. Louis, obedient son of thy Holy Church: **R/.**

St. Louis, loving protector of Christendom: **R/.**

St. Louis, apostle of the Gospel of Jesus: **R/.**

St. Louis, confessor of the Faith: **R/.**

St. Louis, devout and prayerful of soul: **R/.**

St. Louis, rich in spiritual goods: **R/.**

St. Louis, exalted by humility: **R/.**

St. Louis, crowned with glory in heaven: **R/.**

Concluding Prayer

Let us pray.

Saint Louis, patron of our city and of our Archdiocese,
please bless us who look to you for guidance.

Help us be kind to each other and to the poor as you were.

Give us courage to choose well, and strength to do great things,
as you did—a young boy who became a great king.

Help us to become saints like you,

so that we can be with you and Jesus in heaven someday.

Saint Louis, pray for us.

Closing Hymn “Crown Him with Many Crowns”, OCP

“At the Name of Jesus”, Oxford University Press

“The King of Glory”, Continuum International Publishing Group

“To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King”, Mrs. Irene C. Mueller