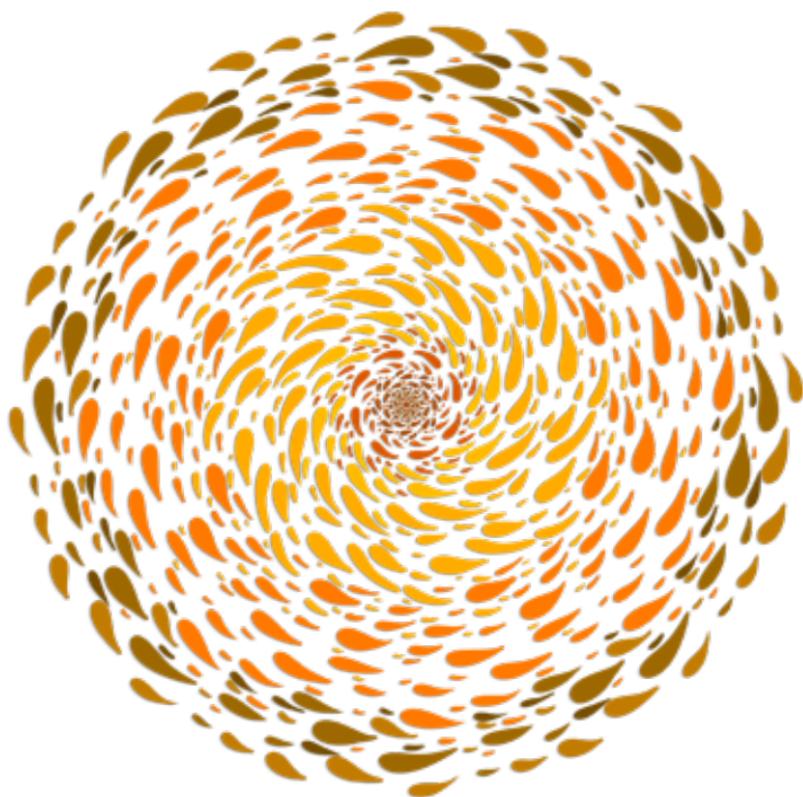




**PRAYING
WITH THE LITANY OF
BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN**



ON THE WAY TO HOLINESS

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LITANY OF BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN

Lord, have mercy on us

Lord, have mercy on us

Christ, have mercy on us

Christ, have mercy on us

Lord, have mercy on us

Lord, have mercy on us

Christ, hear us

Christ, graciously hear us

Compassionate Father in heaven

Have mercy on us

Jesus, Saviour of the world

Have mercy on us

Holy Spirit, fire of Love

Have mercy on us

Holy Trinity, one God

Have mercy on us

Mary, Mother of the Saviour

Pray for us

Mary, Queen of the Apostles

Pray for us

St. Michael

Pray for us

St. Joseph

Pray for us

All Holy Apostles

Pray for us

Blessed Mary of the Apostles

Pray for us

Blessed Francis Jordan, Servant of God

Pray for us

Blessed Francis Jordan, instrument in God's hands

Pray for us

Blessed Francis Jordan, full of love for Christ

Pray for us

Blessed Francis Jordan, filled with the fire of the Holy Spirit

Pray for us

Blessed Francis Jordan, devoted to Mary, Mother of the Saviour

Pray for us

Blessed Francis Jordan, longing for the salvation of all

Pray for us

Blessed Francis Jordan, faithful to the Church

Pray for us

Blessed Francis Jordan, steadfast in faith

Pray for us

Blessed Francis Jordan, faithful to God's will

Pray for us

Blessed Francis Jordan, persevering apostolic missionary

Pray for us

Blessed Francis Jordan, advocate of Lay action

Pray for us

Blessed Francis Jordan, promoter of the Catholic press

Pray for us

Blessed Francis Jordan, fostering the faith of youth

Pray for us

Blessed Francis Jordan, Founder of the Salvatorians

Pray for us

Blessed Francis Jordan, calling all to be Apostles

Pray for us

Blessed Francis Jordan, full of confidence in Divine Providence

Pray for us

Blessed Francis Jordan, constant in prayer

Pray for us

Blessed Francis Jordan, strengthened by daily Eucharist

Pray for us

Blessed Francis Jordan, living in the shadow of the Cross

Pray for us

Blessed Francis Jordan, lover of the poor

Pray for us

Blessed Francis Jordan, courageously enduring suffering

Pray for us

Blessed Francis Jordan, man of peace

Pray for us

Blessed Francis Jordan, simple, humble, and patient

Pray for us

Blessed Francis Jordan, aspiring to holiness

Pray for us

Blessed Francis Jordan, herald of the Gospel

Pray for us

Blessed Francis Jordan, imitating the Saints

Pray for us

Blessed Francis Jordan, grateful for graces and blessings

Pray for us

Blessed Francis Jordan, you were inspired to make God known
and loved by all people everywhere

*Fill us with your zeal and help us always strive to be faithful
to the will of God*

PAUSE TO RECALL PERSONAL INTENTIONS

Gracious Father, You have given us the example of Blessed Francis Jordan. Through his intercession help us in all our needs. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord and Saviour, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*Through the intercession of Blessed Francis Jordan, grant us
the grace to know, proclaim, and serve You, One Triune God,
(+) Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN, SERVANT OF GOD



PRAY FOR US

Merciful Father,
You have left us an example of service
in Blessed Francis Jordan,
who dedicated his life to You within the Church,
following the model par excellence:
Jesus, the Divine Saviour.
Grant us the grace to follow our Founder's example
in the footsteps of the Apostles,
so that the Words of Your Son,
who came not to be served but to serve,
and to give His life as a ransom for many,
may take place in our midst,
in our communities and apostolic action.
We ask this in the name of Your beloved Son,
who lives and reigns with You
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
and is God for ever and ever.
Amen.

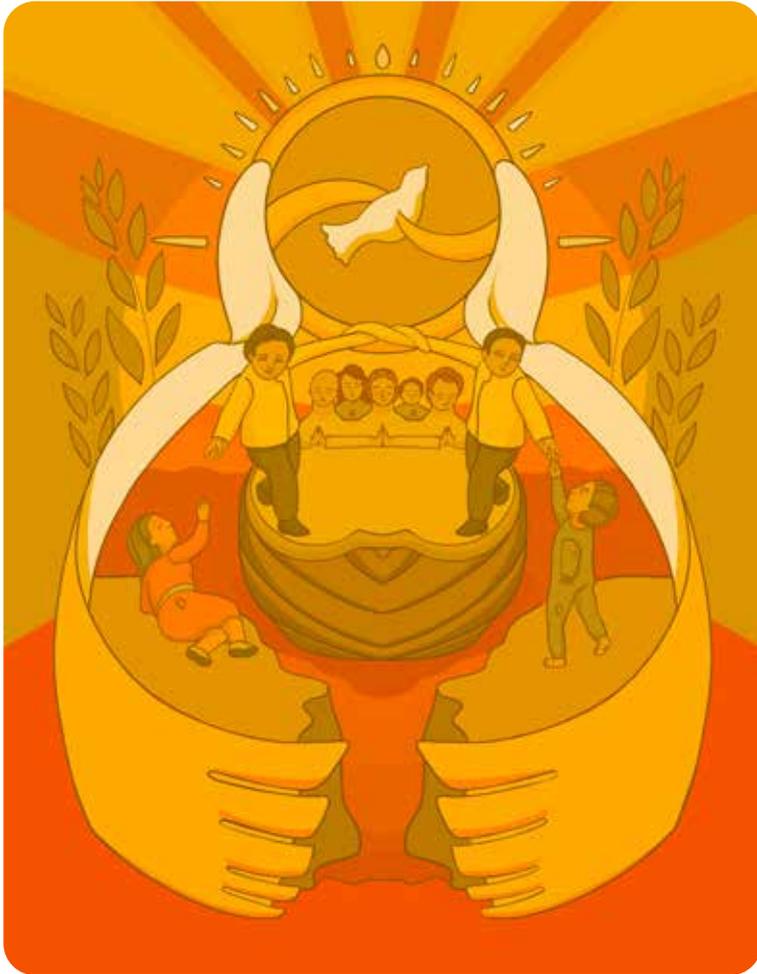
**BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN,
INSTRUMENT IN GOD'S HANDS**



PRAY FOR US

Father of holiness,
beginning and end of all things,
You love all that You have created,
and You continue to pour out Your mercy
through Your Son Jesus,
who died and was raised up.
You called Blessed Francis Jordan,
providential instrument for the new times,
so that many, everywhere and by all means,
would make You and Your Son known.
Make us docile in Your hands,
faithful collaborators of Your grace,
so that no one may lack
the Good News of Your love.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN,
FULL OF LOVE FOR CHRIST**



PRAY FOR US

Father of mercy,
You have manifested in Your Son Jesus Christ
a love without limits
by stretching out His arms for all humankind.
Your Son Jesus wept with sorrow
when He saw the indifference of Your people,
ignoring the greatness of Your heart,
and the burning desire to bring
everyone to You.
Under the fire of the Spirit,
You made Blessed Francis Jordan
a restless and stirred man,
who could neither keep silent nor rest
until all would know and love
the Divine Saviour.
Help us to open our hearts as he did,
by immersing ourselves
in the ocean of Your Divine Love,
to go forth and proclaim without ceasing
the Salvation revealed in Your Son,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

**BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN,
FILLED WITH THE FIRE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**



PRAY FOR US

Father of all,
You opened the heavens
and sent the Holy Spirit
to anoint Your Servant Jesus
for His mission of salvation,
the beginning of a new creation.
You established Him as Lord of all that exists,
to baptise us with the Holy Spirit,
and to make us participants in His mission.
We thank You for the gift of the Spirit,
which impelled Blessed Francis Jordan
to work tirelessly,
so that all may know You
and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.
Give us the courage to let ourselves
be led by Your Spirit,
that we may not resist His inspirations.
May we go to the ends of the earth,
bringing the Good News of Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You
for ever and ever.
Amen.

**BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN,
DEVOTED TO MARY, MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR**



PRAY FOR US

Gracious Father,
You never tire of calling us
to cooperate in Your work of salvation,
initiated and incarnated in the womb
of Mary, the Mother of the Saviour.
You endowed Blessed Francis Jordan
with a filial love for Mary,
which made him always look to the Saviour,
in good times and bad.
Grant us the faith and availability
of that humble handmaid,
openness to every grace,
without prioritizing one before another,
even in the darkness of Calvary.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN,
LONGING FOR THE SALVATION OF ALL**



PRAY FOR US

God, eternal Father,
Your Son sent the Apostles into the whole world,
to the ends of the earth,
with the promise to go before them everywhere.
To this Blessed Francis Jordan responded,
who did not hesitate to send
some of his sons to distant missions
and others to rescue the lost sheep,
of the lukewarm Christian people.
Inspire us so that,
following the example of Blessed Francis Jordan,
we may feel the spiritual hunger of the people
and let no opportunity pass us by
to announce and proclaim
the mystery of Your love,
revealed in Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You
for ever and ever.
Amen.

**BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN,
FAITHFUL TO THE CHURCH**



PRAY FOR US

Faithful Father,
Your Son has called a people on a journey
on the way to You, the Father of all.
Your Spirit guides and directs us
so that we do not lose sight of Your Son,
who goes before us, above all,
when He opens new paths for us.
Blessed Francis Jordan,
in fidelity and humility
allowed himself to be led by this same Spirit
as a pilgrim on his way to a new horizon
in the midst of the whole Church,
teaching what she teaches,
believing what she believes,
and rejecting what she rejects.
Grant us the obedience
of Blessed Francis Jordan,
that we may follow in the footsteps of Your Son,
always and everywhere,
in every place that needs to know Your love,
without fear of taking new paths.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN,
STEADFAST IN FAITH**



PRAY FOR US

Father of goodness,
You are the origin and source of all life.
You formed a people to walk
in faith with Your Son,
the Author and Embodiment of our faith.
From his childhood,
Blessed Francis Jordan knew Your Son
and valued the action of the Holy Spirit.
The hard times, the indifference of many,
the ignorance of the faith,
the unachieved goals,
did not diminish his faith and trust in You.
Others will come, he said,
and they will continue
taking into account our sufferings.
Inspire us to grow in faith,
so that, with our eyes fixed on Your Son Jesus,
we may be witnesses of Your mercy and nearness.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN,
FAITHFUL TO GOD'S WILL**



PRAY FOR US

Heavenly Father,
Your Son did not come to do His will,
nor to carry out His own project.
He only wanted to let us see what You are like.
He wanted to be
a faithful reflection of Your mercy.
In this He spent His life
until He died on the cross,
loving and forgiving everyone.
Experiencing this love of Your Son,
Blessed Francis Jordan knew
the trials and sorrows of life,
which made him say that only
in the shadow of the cross
great works grow.
Give us the strength
to be faithful disciples of Your Son,
missionaries of Your love,
that we may not hesitate to spend our lives
so that others may live.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN,
PERSEVERING APOSTOLIC MISSIONARY**



PRAY FOR US

Holy Father

You called Blessed Francis Jordan
for a new mission in troubled times:
to awaken Your people and involve many
so that the Light of Your Son
can illuminate the darkness of yesterday and today.
He went through many challenges
to become a priest of Your Church,
and even more
in founding the Salvatorian Apostolic Work.
He never stopped listening
to the voice of the Church,
responding graciously
and sending his best collaborators
to distant lands in difficult situations.
Help us to keep our hearts open
to the needs of the Church,
making ourselves available and leaving everything
so that Your desire to save all
may occupy our whole life.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

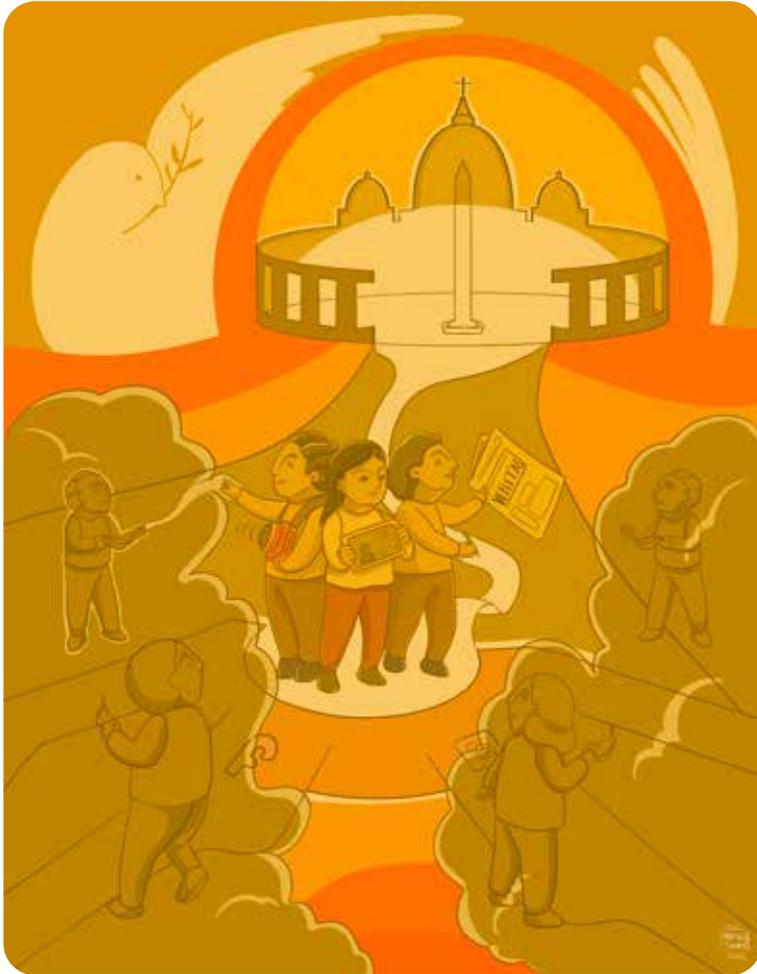
**BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN,
ADVOCATE OF LAY ACTION**



PRAY FOR US

Father,
You count on all Your people
for the work of salvation,
each one on his own mission.
Your Son Jesus
called and formed His disciples
and sent them out to proclaim
and build the Kingdom of God.
Faithful in his time to divine inspiration
and concerned about the ignorance of many
Blessed Francis Jordan sought
to involve as many people as possible,
to make known everywhere
You, Father, Your beloved Son and the Holy Spirit,
in order to guide many to salvation.
Grant us confidence
in the people You have called together,
and humility to walk together on the way of faith.
Make us understand the urgency
of the present moment.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN,
PROMOTER OF THE CATHOLIC PRESS**



PRAY FOR US

Father, who whispers to the heart,
Your Spirit guided the communities
in which the Evangelists wrote
what they had experienced at the side of Your Son.
You enlightened Paul and the other Apostles,
so that their writings
made known the Divine Saviour,
whom You sent to communicate eternal life.
These writings in the mouths
of catechists and missionaries have been brought to life
in order to pass them on to their listeners.
In his time, Your Spirit gave impetus
to Blessed Francis Jordan
to promote various publications,
to bring this Good News to the schools,
to the outskirts and to the city.
He enjoyed seeing how the publications
that came out of his humble printing press
quickly reached the hands of many.
May Your Spirit inspire us today
and lead us to find
many ways to evangelise,
so that all may come to know You, Father,
and Your Son, source of love and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN,
FOSTERING THE FAITH OF YOUTH**



PRAY FOR US

Father, Creator,
Your Son enjoyed the presence of children,
and fatigue did not prevent Him
from holding them in His arms and blessing them.
Blessed Francis Jordan himself
was blessed and enriched
by reading in his adolescence
about religious subjects,
which awakened in his mind and in his heart
the restlessness to know and do Your will;
and he also learned the value
of books and pamphlets
to evangelise children, youth and adults.
Give us the initiative to reach out
to the young people of today,
clarity in the use of modern media,
so that no environment may lack
the proclamation of Jesus Christ.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN,
FOUNDER OF THE SALVATORIANS**



PRAY FOR US

God, gracious Father,
who sowed in the heart
of Blessed Francis Jordan
the desire to gather many,
and following the example of the Apostles,
to proclaim the great mystery of Your love
revealed in Jesus Christ, crucified and raised up.
The passion of Your Son for the salvation of the world
kindled the fire of the Spirit
in the heart of Blessed Francis Jordan,
who never tired of gazing
at the globe of the whole world,
especially those places
where challenges and needs were greatest.
We thank You for the work of Your grace
in Blessed Francis Jordan,
who has moved us and set us on our way,
and we ask You that we may be
his faithful sons and daughters,
joyful bearers of his same charism.
Give us apostolic openness, discernment and daring,
to spread the Salvatorian apostolic endeavors
so that all may know You and Jesus Christ
whom You have sent.
Who lives and reigns with You for ever and ever.
Amen.

**BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN,
CALLING ALL TO BE APOSTLES**



PRAY FOR US

Father of goodness,
Your Son called, formed and sent out Apostles
to continue the proclamation of salvation,
going two by two to all the peoples and places
where He wanted to go.
The passion of Your Son
has set many on the way,
so also Blessed Francis Jordan,
who, grieved by the ignorance
and indifference of his time,
sought to give a new missionary impulse in many,
for the evangelisation and transformation of the world.
Help us, Father, to be apostles,
beyond our own boundaries,
and moved by the fire of the Spirit,
so that we may never lack the light
of Your Divine Love,
which encourages us to be builders
of justice and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN,
FULL OF CONFIDENCE IN DIVINE PROVIDENCE**



PRAY FOR US

Father, who seek the lost,
You provide everything for our good
because You love us and care for us with tenderness.
You accompany Your people
in days of glory and in hard times,
not always giving them what they want,
but what they need.
Your Son longed
to celebrate the Passover before He suffered
to profess His faith in You,
convinced that You transform
the waters of death into the dawn of new Life.
You endowed Blessed Francis Jordan
with great trust in Your Divine Providence,
which he left us as an everlasting inheritance.
Make us grow in this same trust in You
so that nothing and no one may stop us
in the mission You have entrusted to us,
however difficult it may be at the present moment,
so that the world may believe in You
and in Jesus Your Son.
He who lives and reigns with You for ever and ever.
Amen.

**BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN,
CONSTANT IN PRAYER**



PRAY FOR US

Father, You are in the hidden places,
and You continually seek
ways for us to feel Your love.
You want to be close to the suffering,
to nourish the hungry, to heal the sick,
and Your greatest joy consists
in the human happiness,
so You showed it in Your Son, Jesus.
After the example of Blessed Francis Jordan,
grant that we may always remain at Your side,
placing our faith in You
by drawing water from the well of prayer
to water the sorrows and weariness,
feeling ourselves sent to others,
becoming instruments
of peace, reconciliation and salvation.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
and is God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

**BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN,
STRENGTHENED BY DAILY EUCHARIST**



PRAY FOR US

Generous Father,
whose love knows no limits,
You have sent Your Son Jesus Christ
to give us of Your own life.
This Good News Jesus proclaimed to the poor,
to the sinful and the weak,
to the broken and the hopeless.
At the Last Supper, He left us the Eucharist,
the everlasting memorial of His total self-giving,
the source and summit of Christian life.
Blessed Francis Jordan
held in the highest esteem from his childhood
this mystery of Divine Love, the power par excellence,
the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
Make us understand this Sacrament of Your love,
to celebrate with devotion and openness
the memorial of Your Son's passion,
death and resurrection:
may it nourish our faith and may we feel sent
to continue the Mission of Your Son!
Through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

**BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN,
LIVING IN THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS**



PRAY FOR US

Father, close to those who suffer,
we thank You for the glorious cross
of the Risen Lord,
Tree of Eternal Life, mystery of Divine Love,
arms outstretched for all humanity.
On its roots the Church was born,
grows and strengthens itself
along with also the Salvatorian Work.
Blessed Francis Jordan
urges us to embrace the Cross,
for in it we find the Saviour,
and in its shadow great works flourish.
Grant us to love the Cross of Jesus Christ,
in difficult times of loneliness and adversity,
and give us the grace
to be witnesses of His resurrection,
instruments of forgiveness,
mercy and reconciliation.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

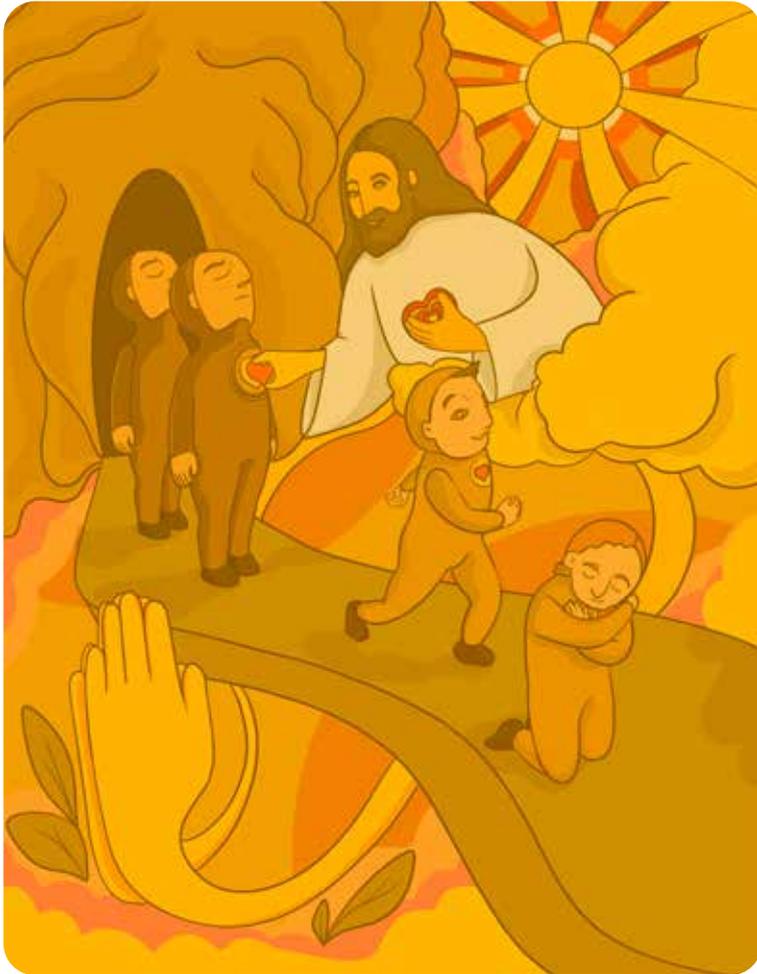
**BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN,
LOVER OF THE POOR**



PRAY FOR US

Father of the poor,
Your Son was born on the outskirts of Bethlehem,
in a stable among animals,
grew up among the ill-regarded people of Nazareth
and died on the periphery of Jerusalem
as a criminal.
How can we not love the poor and the excluded,
friends and companions on the way of Your Son!
In Blessed Francis Jordan,
You show that what might seem
insignificant to the world
is great in Your eyes.
As an inheritance he left us perpetual poverty,
precious treasure and fine pearl
of which You will ask us to give an account.
Grant us the grace to find
among the poor Your Son,
and to be able to serve them as did Jesus Christ,
who washed their feet at the Last Supper.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN,
COURAGEOUSLY ENDURING SUFFERING**



PRAY FOR US

Father,
You see the affliction of Your people,
lacking in dignity and freedom,
and You do not cease to call men and women,
brave in adversity because they loved.
Your Son as a valiant warrior
did not shun suffering
because He loved to the end.
He inspired Blessed Francis Jordan,
who knew disbelief and rejection
because of the novelty of his work,
to be a faithful son of Mother Church.
Give us a heart that loves,
so that no suffering
may take away our creativity in doing good,
even if it costs us.
Through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

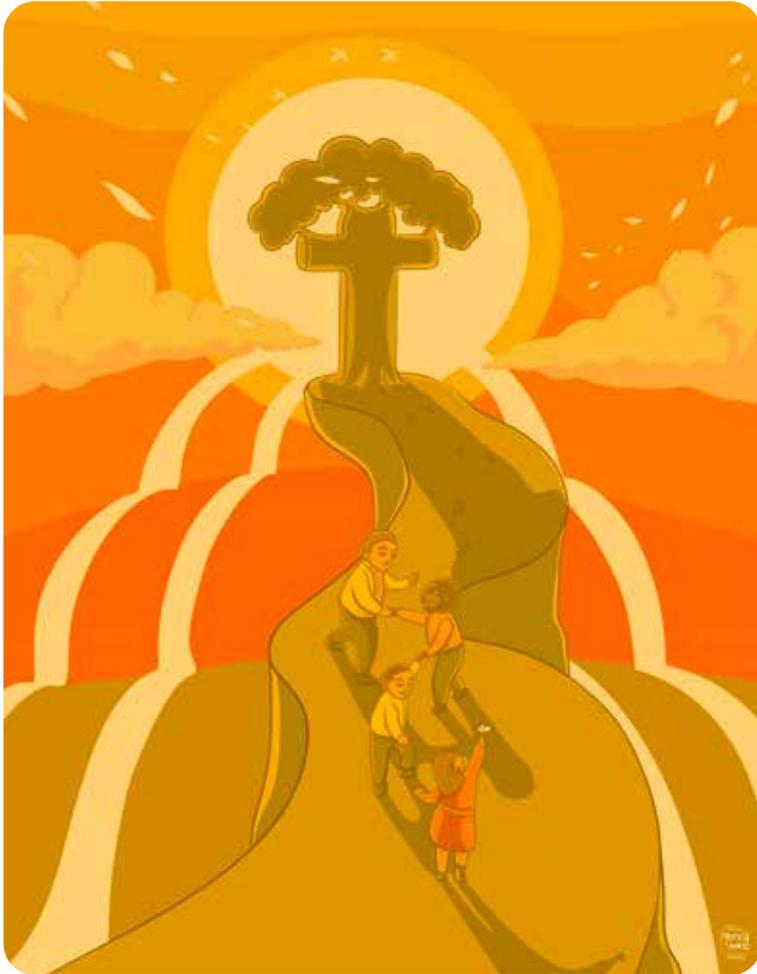
**BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN,
MAN OF PEACE**



PRAY FOR US

Holy Father,
source of all peace,
that which You desire on earth
to those in whom You are pleased.
Your Son has shown the way of peace,
loving all and returning good for evil.
He has called blessed
those who work for peace,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed Francis Jordan
never ceased to look for ways
to break and overcome moments of tension
so that all could live together as brothers.
Help us to be instruments of Your peace,
placing ourselves at the feet
of our brothers and sisters
so that the miracle of reconciliation,
inclusion and acceptance may take place.
Through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

**BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN,
SIMPLE, HUMBLE, AND PATIENT**



PRAY FOR US

God, Father of the humble ,
You came to meet us
in the humility of the manger
and in the solitude of the Cross.
Only to the humble and lowly
has Your Son revealed the mysteries of the Kingdom.
You called Blessed Francis Jordan
from the midst of a poor village
when he had already given up his studies
to work and earn the daily sustenance to live.
You truly cover Yourself with glory
with those who are discarded
so that we may see Your wonders,
when someone loves You.
Grant us the grace
to go forward and persevere on this path
of simplicity, humility and patience,
allowing Your Spirit to carry on
the good work he has begun
until the Day of Christ Jesus.
He who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

**BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN,
ASPIRING TO HOLINESS**



PRAY FOR US

Holy Father,
You sow in every human being
the seed of grace
and You want it to grow and bear much fruit
so that we may be holy as You are holy.
If it were not for Jesus Christ
who promised to come to us
to dwell in us as in His temple,
it would be mission impossible.
He is the guarantee and the scope of holiness.
Our Founder, Blessed Francis Jordan,
has set before us
the obligation to progress
each day on the path of holiness.
On his deathbed he prayed to You
to bless us, to strengthen us,
to teach us to strive
and may we all become Saints.
Help us to take carefully care of the grace
which You have sown in our hearts
so that together and as a community
we follow the path that leads to holiness.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN,
HERALD OF THE GOSPEL**



PRAY FOR US

Holy Father,
in many ways You have spoken in the past
through the prophets
with the hope of salvation.
John the Baptist finally
pointed out and presented Your Son Jesus Christ,
the bearer of the good news of the Gospel,
as the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world
and baptises with the Holy Spirit and fire.
This same Spirit
made Blessed Francis Jordan
a docile instrument in His hands
who embraced the noble cause
of reaching out to the centrality of Jesus,
the Divine Saviour,
just as the morning light
grows towards the fullness of day.
Make us understand the necessity and the duty
to preach the Gospel, source of peace and justice,
of fraternity capable of banishing
all violence and injustice.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN,
IMITATING THE SAINTS**



PRAY FOR US

Father, rich in mercy
and source of all holiness,
You cover Yourself with glory
in the midst of the weakness of men and women,
manifesting in them clear signs of holiness,
which can only come from You.
Your Son Jesus Christ cleared the path of holiness
from all appearance and pretence,
seeking in the Scriptures
and in prayer for intimacy with You
and drawing near to every man in his suffering.
Blessed Francis Jordan
held in high esteem the Apostles
and all the Saints who are the teachers
who shine like the brightness of the firmament,
like the stars forever.
Keep us, Holy Father
on the path of holiness,
continually seeking You
and recognising You in our neighbour.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN,
GRATEFUL FOR GRACES AND BLESSINGS**



PRAY FOR US

Holy Father,
Your Son has exulted with joy and blessed You
when His disciples returned
and told Him of the miracles
that accompanied their preaching.
Following the example of Jesus
Blessed Jordan invited us
to give glory to You
and to thank You always for all the gifts
that You have given us.
Give us the ability to see the good
that You bring about in our midst
and the courage to face difficulties
as new opportunities
to fulfil Your will.
Through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

This little book is a publication in honour of the Founder of the Salvatorian Apostolic Work, Blessed Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan, whose 175th anniversary we celebrate on 16 June 2023. The content involves a litany dedicated to him and simple prayers based on the same invocations.

The purpose of these prayers is twofold. On the one hand, they are intended to help deepen the spiritual life, always with our eyes fixed on Christ the Saviour and our feet directed towards our neighbour. In this way, fidelity to the charism of the Founder, whose heart was deeply concerned for so many who thirsted for God, so many in need who longed to know the true life revealed in Christ, the Saviour of the world, will grow. On the other hand, the prayers were formulated in such a way that they are not just pretty words or perfect rites, but that they mould the being, mind and heart of the person who prays them: that they help to achieve coherence, seeking to minimise to zero the distance between prayer and behaviour, or in other words, between faith and life.

The prayers are accompanied by drawings by Moisés Sants, who, after deep meditation, has interpreted them artistically and has made the drawings that can be seen here, which will hopefully help to reach a greater depth of personal and community prayers! The illustrator founded the movement Unidos Por Un Sueño (UPUS)-Peru in 2019, seeking to change people's daily lives, giving them positive impulses that lead to personal reflection and give them new perspectives. He is a Peruvian migrant. Some of his works can be seen at [@arte.moises.sants](https://www.instagram.com/artemoisesants).

