



# FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY

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## A Song of Thanksgiving



God, be merciful to us and bless us;  
look on us with kindness,  
so that the whole world may know your will;  
so that all nations may know your salvation.

May the peoples praise you, O God;  
may all the peoples praise you!

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
because you judge the peoples with justice  
and guide every nation on earth.

May the peoples praise you, O God;  
may all the peoples praise you!

The land has produced its harvest;  
God, our God, has blessed us.  
God has blessed us;  
may all people everywhere honor him.

— Psalm 67

# PRAY CEASELESSLY — NEVER STOP — IT'S POSSIBLE

*(Father Grangell's Monthly Conference)*

The Virtue for November: PRAYER

Patron: St. Jude, Apostle and our good Father Seelos.

Text: We must pray always and never cease. (Luke 18/5)

Father Seelos was a man of prayer. He prayed all day long. His every thought, word and action, his every breath day and night was an act of love of God. Make this your life! It's easy.

Like all great saints, Father Seelos loved the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. He said Mass with edifying devotion and heard as many Masses day after day, as often as he could. He understood the Mass. He knew the Mass was the continuation of the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. He was on Calvary at every Mass. At the Consecration when he saw the White Host and the Sacred Chalice raised over the head of the priest, he would say: "Welcome good Jesus Christ for coming to this altar to be the Priest and Victim of my sacrifice, giving me all your merits to be mine." "I offer to God, the Father, INFINITE ADORATION, INFINITE THANKSGIVING, INFINITE ATONEMENT for my sins and the sins of the world, INFINITE PETITION, I am praying through Christ, with Christ, in Christ. That's all religion. There is no greater prayer in all the world. If you really love God, love the Mass. If you wish to give God something, give Him the Mass.

Father Seelos used all of St. Alphonsus' vocal prayers as he found them in his books. In the VISIT book he would petition God: ALL THAT I ASK AND DESIRE IS THY HOLY LOVE, FINAL PERSEVERANCE AND THE PERFECT ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THY WILL. This is true sanctity.

Father Seelos loved the Passion of our Lord. He made the WAY OF THE CROSS daily. He used the composition of St. Alphonsus. At each station he prayed GRANT THAT I MAY LOVE THEE ALWAYS AND THEN DO WITH ME AS THOU WILT. It was one big act of Love of God.

Father Seelos loved the Blessed Mother. He taught with St. Alphonsus, "A child of Mary is never lost." Devotion to Mary is a sure sign of salvation. He said the fifteen decades of the Rosary daily. He wore the long rosary on his left side. It was a part of his Redemptorist habit. All day long as he moved about, his fingers were on the beads.

Help the child to pray. There is much juvenile crime in America. I think there would be less if all children began the school day saluting God OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN...and telling Him all will do His will, keep the Ten Commandments, no stealing, no killing – but prayer is forbidden in public schools and crime goes on.

Dear Readers! Put all sinners in your daily prayers and pray for our spiritually neglected children.

Teach the little ones and big ones, too, to say often: MY GOD I LOVE YOU! (MGILY)

Baton Rouge, La.

"Recently I prayed through the intercession of Father Seelos, for sick friends and relatives. In one case a test revealed my friend did not have a brain tumor. Again a cousin had a malignancy but the operation was successful and she needs no further treatment."

E.R.J.

Lafayette, La.

"Successful surgery for my son-in-law. The surgery which actually was a serious operation for cancer, has been successfully completed. He is apparently recovering well. Please join our family in asking Father Seelos' intercession for a complete recovery."

L.D.D.

Oakland, Calif.

"My mother was very sick and we thought we had lost her. I left a cloth memento of Father Seelos with her and prayed with her the Father Seelos prayer. She is well. Please thank Father Seelos for his prayers. It has been a year now."

A.C.

Napoleonville, La.

"Thanks to Father Seelos for my son who had to have surgery which we were afraid was cancer. It turned out well and he is back at work again."

P.R.A.

New Orleans, La.

"My niece's baby boy had a kind of palsy on one side of his face. The doctors did not know what had caused it. I prayed to Father Seelos and St. Anthony and in a week or ten days it disappeared. Thanks to Father Seelos for his prayers."

T.G.

Zachary, La.

"On several occasions we have tried to purchase a house for our daughter to rent so that she could stabilize her expenses since she is single. We could never swing the deal. After praying the Father Seelos prayer, we found a suitable place for a young lady that we could afford."

R.G.G.

New Orleans, La.

"I wish to make acknowledgment of three favors received. I had two aunts in the hospital - one for tests and the other for surgery. I could not be with either of them because my son contracted hepatitis. He was a very sick man. I prayed hard. Now the three of them have had speedy recoveries."

L.S.V.

Plaucheville, La.

"My daughter was very unhappy because she lost her boy friend. I prayed to Father Seelos that she would meet someone who cared for her and would make her happy. She did and I am very grateful to Father Seelos for his intercession."

S.M.D.

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Very many men receive FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY every month. Congratulations to these men on their fine letters of thanks, for their gifts to the Center. Your families are proud of you.

Everybody! Phone or write to three neighbors and ask them to join the Guild of Father Seelos and receive FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY monthly. If everybody sent three new names to the Center, our membership would go over the 100,000 mark. The new members will hear from the Center in a few weeks time.

A good lady who received two favors from Father Seelos wrote: "He is the greatest in time of need." BROADCAST THIS!!

I saw a pen-picture on a Sunday Church Bulletin of a whole family making the Way of the Cross. Did you ever do this? Don't be afraid to be pious!!

Thanksgiving Day is a religious day that goes back to the founding Fathers of America. We have so much for which to be thankful. Go to Holy Mass and give God INFINITE THANKSGIVING.

We believe in the COMMUNION OF SAINTS which is made up of the Saints in heaven, November 1, The Souls in Purgatory, November 2, and holy people on earth. Do everything to please God and you are a saint on earth! We call the Souls in Purgatory the poor souls, because they cannot help themselves! Pray for them.

We wonder how people in Wyoming, Maine and in all the States heard of Father Seelos. It's easy. People leave FATHER SEELOS AND SANCTITY and the picture prayer card in the pew of their churches. Strangers pick them up. That's the way to promote devotion to Father Seelos.

Please use the gold envelope for a donation to the Center to help us pay our bills to the Post Office and the Printer and for office supplies, etc. etc. Thanks and God reward you.

Advent is a penitential season before Christmas. Do some mini penance and say a few extra prayers and some meditation. (Sunday, November 30 to Christmas Eve.)

For blessings of your sick with the Mission Crucifix of Father Seelos, please call Miss Addie Buhler. 895-6176.

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