



## Xaverian Missionaries

Join us for a special Novena of Grace beginning March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Dear Mission Friend,

*"The Japanese are led by reason in everything more than any other people... They listened to us most eagerly and appeared delighted to hear us... This idea of our great knowledge opened the way to us for sowing the seed of religion in their minds."*

— St. Francis Xavier, *Letter from Japan, 1552* —

We live in a world overflowing with information, opportunity, and constant communication. Knowledge and productivity shape our daily lives, and answers to almost any question are only a click away. Yet, despite this abundance, many hearts today still long for meaning, hope, and God's presence.

Unlike the people Saint Francis Xavier encountered during his missionary journeys—who eagerly questioned, listened, and searched—many in our time feel distant from religion or unsure how to begin a spiritual journey. Still, the desire for God remains. Our calling as Christians is not to overwhelm or persuade, but to walk gently with others, helping awaken that desire and allowing the Holy Spirit to do His work.



In his apostolic letter *In Unitate Fidei*, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that faith invites us to walk together in unity, living out the love and joy we have received in Christ. This challenges each of us to ask: **How am I witnessing to Christ in my own life? Am I helping others encounter Him through love, patience, and compassion?**

Every day, the Xaverian missionaries accompany people who are searching—those facing poverty, displacement, and spiritual hunger. Like Saint Francis Xavier, they sow seeds of faith through presence, service, and genuine listening, trusting God to bring growth in His time.

Through the intercession of Saint Francis Xavier, we pray that hearts everywhere may be open to the gentle promptings of the Spirit, and that the love of Christ may take root even in the most difficult circumstances.

We warmly invite you to join us in praying the **Novena to Saint Francis Xavier from March 4 through March 12**. As you pray, we also invite you to entrust your personal intentions to us by completing the enclosed form. Your prayers unite you with missionaries and communities around the world.

Your generosity makes this mission possible. Through your support, the Xaverian Missions can continue to accompany those most in need—sharing faith, hope, and love where they are needed most. Any gift you are able to offer is a powerful act of solidarity and compassion.

Thank you for praying with us, journeying with us, and for considering a gift in support of the Xaverian Missions. Be assured of our gratitude and prayers.

In Christ,

Fr. Alejandro Rodriguez, S.X.

**P.S. Please send me your special intentions** so that we, the Xaverian Missionaries, can remember them in our Masses and the Novena of Grace. And **thank you for any gift of support you can send.**

4500 W Xavier Dr., Franklin, WI 53132-9066 | (414) 421-0831 | xavmissionswi@hotmail.com | www.xaverianmissionaries.org

### NOVENA OF GRACE REPLY FORM

Please list your intentions on the enclosed form!



XAVERIAN MISSIONARIES  
Novena of Grace 2026

Our Office accepts these  
Credit Cards:



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City-State-Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge my credit card in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Master Card  Visa  Discover

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

4500 W Xavier Dr., Franklin, WI 53132-9066 | (414) 421-0831 | xavmissionswi@hotmail.com | www.xaverianmissionaries.org