

LES AMIS DU PÈRE CAFFAREL

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How to Pray

With the Prayer for the Canonisation of Father Caffarel?

All prayers educate us through their content. Thus, the Lord's Prayer, the *Our Father*, is a prayer that guides, shapes and bears the prayers of all Christians and is the model for every other prayer. Jesus himself teaches us to pray. Thus, in the light of this the greatest prayer, all other prayers shape our relationship with God, in our faith.

The prayer asking for the canonisation of Father Caffarel educates us. If we meditate upon it, word after word, we recall Father Caffarel's life. Above all, we are guided in our faith, in our trust in God, in our desire to do the Lord's will, just as Father Caffarel wanted to help us to do.

We pray, therefore, so that we may follow Christ, as well as for those who live the sacrament of marriage and the sacrament of orders, for those who are widowed... We pray that we may make progress in our private prayer, "so that all may find joy in following the Lord." By learning the prayer off by heart, the heart's orientation takes shape. We become familiar with what Father Caffarel wanted so much: that we discover that "God loves us," that, like him, we may experience the meeting with the Lord, that we may hear the call, "Come, follow me!" There are so many ways to follow Christ.

This prayer is not only "individualistic." Like all prayers, we pray in connection with others, in the Church. Thus, this prayer joins together the Teams of Our Lady members, the widows of the Fraternity of Our Lady of the Resurrection, the Intercessors... We pray for the energy, fidelity and joy of all those who are attached to Father Caffarel. We pray also so that we may be strong and welcoming witnesses to marriage and prayer. So many people await the good news of God's love.

Finally, in this prayer, we ask for graces and miracles for the beatification of Father Caffarel. The pertinence of our request is the following: that God answers us through the intermediary of his servant so that he may be known, so that his message may be heard in our world that so needs it: the good news of marriage, the good news of prayer and private prayer. The Lord loves us!

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