



Prayers for the Canonizations for Blessed Adèle and Blessed Chaminade

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January is the month that we celebrate the Feast Days of two of our Founders, Blessed Adèle and Blessed Chaminade. They have been recognized by the Church for their holiness. Through their determination and the effort they strived to renew the Catholic Church in France after the French Revolution.

When Adèle and Chaminade were beatified, a miracle for each was acknowledged and verified as authentic by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome. For them to be canonized a second miracle has to be authenticated. To assist in this endeavor, I invite the members of the Family of Mary and others who have been reading my Marianist Moment articles to spend some time praying the following prayers which have been written in order to seek God's assistance for their canonizations to come to fruition.

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Adèle:

O God, Source of life and holiness we thank you for giving Blessed Adèle to the Church.

You filled her with a profound love that compelled her to serve youth and the poor. You gave her ardent missionary spirit and a deep love for the Virgin Mary, our Mother.

May her example help us to grow in faith, fill us with hope, and inspire us to announce the joy of the Gospel boldly and lovingly.

We ask you, through the intercession of Adèle to grant us the favor we ask of you today (...).

And if it is your will, grant that one day, Adèle may be canonized for the glory of your name and the service of your people. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Chaminade:

O Lord, you are constantly at work in your Church, and through individuals and communities you manifest your Spirit for the good of your people. In a special way you bestowed your Spirit on your servant Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, so that he might live fully according to the Gospel and with love devote himself to Your saving work.

You have inspired communities of men and women to follow his example by consecrating themselves to you to serve the Church under the leadership of Mary.

We now pray to you to give us signs of your grace and holiness in his life by granting us the special favors we ask through his intercession, especially

May the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

Note: The parentheses designate the person(s) who may need the special grace(s) or favor(s) that you wish to pray for.

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