

✠ **Closing prayer:**

When we fear to reach out to others in need, we come to you and pray . . .

All: Fill our hearts with courage, Lord

When we behold the suffering among the poor and the powerless and wonder how we might help, we come to you and pray . . .

All: Fill our hearts with courage, Lord

When we are not accepted for who we are, we come to you and pray . . .

All: Fill our hearts with courage, Lord

When our friends are in need and we are tempted to ignore them and pursue our own concerns, we come to you and pray . . .

All: Fill our hearts with courage, Lord

✠ **Lasallian Litany**

(Arranged by Brother Tim Coldwell)

Lent: Week II

Friendships

🕯 **Examination of Conscience**

Using Jeffrey Cardinale's words from the Principal's Assembly, let us consider how we can build our relationships, particularly friendships with others.

1. Do I look down on those who are poor?
2. Do I reach out to others in need?
3. Am I easy to approach? Am I a helpful person?
4. Do I take opportunities to be kind and charitable?

🕯 **Let us remember . . .**

🕯 **Reflections on Friendship: Sirach 6**

🕯 **Grant to us O Lord, a heart renewed,
Recreate in us Your Own Spirit Lord!**

A kind mouth multiplies friends,
And gracious lips prompt friendly greetings.

**Grant to us O Lord, a heart renewed,
Recreate in us Your Own Spirit**

A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter;
He who finds one finds a treasure.

**Grant to us O Lord, a heart renewed,
Recreate in us Your Own Spirit**

A faithful friend is beyond price,
No sum can balance his worth.

**Grant to us O Lord, a heart renewed,
Recreate in us Your Own Spirit**

Faithful friends are life-saving medicine;
And those who fear the Lord will find them.

**Grant to us O Lord, a heart renewed,
Recreate in us Your Own Spirit**

📖 **Reading: *Luke 16***

Jesus said, “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his

hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man

died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’

“But Abraham said, ‘My child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’

“He said, ‘Then father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’

“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’

He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’

“He said them, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ