

PRAYER TO PEDRO ARRUPE, SJ

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Pedro Arrupe, Servant of God,
song of God's Mercy and Love,
from birth to death
you were a walking Magnificat.
Throughout the various changes
in your life and ministry—from medical student,
witness and first responder to the tragedy of Hiroshima,
General of the Society of Jesus,
to paralyzed stroke victim—
you were always sensitive
to the movements of the Spirit.
We pray, during this coming year,
deepen in all of us—
Jesuits and Companions-in-Mission—
the gift of discerning where God's Spirit
is calling us and leading us today.

Son of Ignatius,
you made your own the Pilgrim's prayer—
"Place me with your Son."
That great desire led you to the presence of Christ
in the poor, in the immigrant and the refugee.
Obtain for us the grace
to find Christ and accompany him
in those without voice or power,
without food or family or home.

Second Founder of the Society of Jesus,
you wanted us to be people of Amen and Alleluia.
We pray for those who pronounce first vows
and those who join them to build Christ's kingdom
in the classroom, on the bread line,
in the parish or retreat center,
writing or working at the border.
May their lives proclaim the desire
to always seek and do God's will.
May this Amen lead them,
to experience the joy of Alleluia
in acting ever and always
for the greater honor and glory of God.

Friend of the Trinity,
ask the Three-in-One
to bless our Province and its works.
May God the Creator give us imagination.
May God the Redeemer give us compassionate hearts.
May God the Sanctifier give us wisdom and courage.
May the Holy Trinity set our hearts on fire
to seek God on the frontiers,
to serve God in the needy,
to find God wherever justice flourishes.

Pedro Arrupe, Servant of God, pray for us.

