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**St. André Bessette, CSC**  
1845 – 1937

# A Student's Prayer to St. André Bessette

*“God chose the most ignorant one.  
If there was anyone more ignorant than I am,  
God would have chosen him instead of me.”*

Bro. André,

I come to you in prayer for my studies.

*(state your need)*

Growing up in a poor family  
your parents could not afford  
to send you to school.

Reading and writing were often  
difficult for you.

Sometimes I struggle like you did.

I am tempted to give up.

Give me the courage to try my best  
and never lose faith in God or myself.

God has blessed me with unique gifts and talents.

May my mind come to know Him better  
and my heart to love Him more deeply.

May all that I learn in school  
make me a better citizen of this world  
and in the world to come. Amen.



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# A Family Prayer to St. André Bessette

*“I rarely prayed for my mother,  
but I often prayed to her.”*

Bro. André,

I come to you in prayer for the needs  
of my family.

*(state your need)*

Your parents loved you,  
but died early in your life,  
leaving you an orphan.

You moved from house to house,  
but never lost faith in the God  
who journeyed with you.

With St. Joseph as our Protector and Guide,  
may we meet the challenges before us  
with strength and courage.

Saint André, pray for my family,  
that we will grow in God’s love  
and know the peace that He offers. Amen.



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## A Prayer for Healing to St. André Bessette

*“People who suffer have something to offer to God. When they succeed in enduring their suffering, that is a daily miracle.”*

Bro. André,

I come to you in prayer for healing.

*(state your need)*

You were no stranger to illness.  
Plagued by stomach problems,  
you knew suffering on a daily basis,  
but you never lost faith in God.

Thousands of people  
have sought your healing touch  
as I do today.

Pray that I might be restored to health  
in body, soul, and mind.

With St. Joseph as my loving Protector,  
strengthen my faith and give me peace  
that I might accept God’s will for me  
no matter the outcome. Amen.



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