

**THURSDAY NOVENA PRAYER  
TO SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL**

**CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL  
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Let us pray.

All praise and thanks to the Most Blessed Trinity,  
the Father and Son and Holy Spirit.  
We honor you when we acclaim all those  
who share your life in eternal glory,  
our Mother Mary, all the angels and saints.

We come before you, Father, in your Holy Spirit,  
as we follow the way of your Son, Jesus,  
to ask the heavenly aid of Saint Katharine Drexel.  
Her sacred relics in this Mother Church  
remind us that she is numbered among the Saints in heaven.

Your divine grace led Saint Katharine Drexel  
to give herself completely over to your service in the Church  
in imitation of the poor Savior, attending to the least,  
as a virgin foundress and a laborer for the justice of the Gospel.  
Her strength, virtue and fortitude came from her unwavering devotion  
to the Mystery of the Most Holy Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament.

Hear us now, we pray, as we bring to you our many prayers, petitions and intentions  
through the intercession of Saint Katharine Drexel.

*Pause for the silent mention of prayers, petitions and intentions.*

O holy and Triune God,  
our faith fills us with confidence as we bring our many needs to you,  
trusting in the unfailing assistance of those in your everlasting company,  
most especially our Philadelphia Saint.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.