

# a litany for the 2024 election

In these days before our national election, we unite in prayer with the whole communion of saints for an election that is both peaceful and prudential. *[Take a moment of silence to allow your heart to absorb the intention.]*

## Joining in prayer around the election issues that concern us deeply



Pope Leo XIII, champion of workers – Pray for us

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, champion of immigrants – Pray for us

St. Gianna Beretta Molla, champion of mothers and their unborn children – Pray for us

Venerable Samuel Mazzuchelli, unafraid to speak out against the injustice of your time – Pray for us

St. Francis of Assisi, bridge-builder between cultures at war – Pray for us

St. John Paul II, defender of the environment – Pray for us

*[Here you might name other policy concerns of significance to you and saints that you would want to intercede on behalf of this concern.]*

## Joining in prayer around the questions of character that concern us deeply



St. Thomas More, champion of integrity – Pray for us

St. Thomas Aquinas, champion of truth – Pray for us

St. Mary McKillop, defender of the abused – Pray for us

*[Here you might name other leadership / character virtues that would be important to you in a leader and saints that you would want to intercede on behalf of this trait.]*

## Asking for help for ourselves during this election season



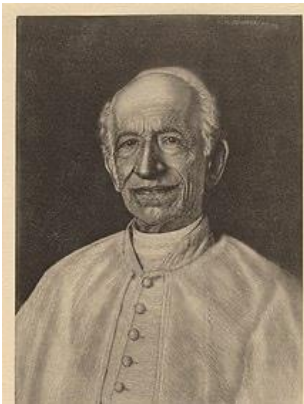
St. Kateri Tekakwitha, companion in times of massive change – Pray for us

St. Ignatius, companion in discernment – Pray for us

St. Hildegard of Bingen, champion of creativity and resilience – Pray for us

*[Here you might name specific things you would like help with in your actions this month and saints you would want to intercede on your behalf.]*

Gracious God, in communion with all our sisters and brothers in faith, we come before you in hope, knowing that you hear our every prayer and hold us close to your loving heart. Amen



**Pope Leo XIII** – championed the rights of workers to fair wages and safe working conditions. Opposed both socialism and unregulated capitalism.



**St. Frances Cabrini** – champion of the needs of immigrants and refugees; master fundraiser in late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century US



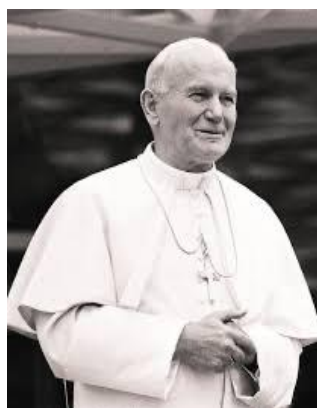
**St. Gianna Beretta Molla**– physician who endured multiple difficult pregnancies and understood well both the health concerns of women and the dignity of the unborn child.



**Ven. Samuel Mazzuchelli** – Pioneer missionary to the upper Midwest US who was outspoken about the scourge of slavery and Civil War as well as the needs of the indigenous people of the region.



**St. Francis Assisi** – 12<sup>th</sup> c peacemakers who reached across cultures to form relationships, including with the Sultan Malik-al-Kamil



**St. John Paul II**– one of the first popes to speak out about care for creation and the emerging climate crisis



**St. Thomas More** – chancellor under Henry VIII who stood up to the king's increasingly impulsive rule in 16<sup>th</sup> c England. Died rather than perjuring himself on the stand.



**St. Thomas Aquinas**– 12<sup>th</sup> c theologian who wrote clearly and concisely on truth - both as having a mind aligned with reality and as honesty.



**St. Mary McKillop** – founder of a community of teachers in Australia who suffered for speaking up against a leader's sexual misconduct.



**St. Kateri Tekakwiths** – 17<sup>th</sup> century Mohawk/Algonquin woman who practiced holiness amidst a time of great cultural clash and changing historical tides.



**St. Ignatius of Loyola** – 16<sup>th</sup> c founder of the Jesuits who developed a refined sense of what good discernment looks like amidst difficult choices



**St. Hildegard of Bingen**– 12<sup>th</sup> c “Sibyll of the Rhine” who remained creative and resilient against every challenge throughout her life, using her many gifts to the full.