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## Bl. Carlo Acutis and Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati Novena

Blessed Carlo Acutis died in 2006 at the age of 15, but not before making a profound impact on his community and on the world. This young man's intense love for Christ in the Eucharist and for our Blessed Mother inspired everyone who knew him.

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati is a modern model of Catholic young adult life. His devotion to his faith is still an inspiration to young adults today.

### Carlo Acutis – Feast Day October 12

Carlo Acutis was born in London but raised in Milan. He had a great love for Jesus and Mary from a young age. His mother remembers that, at age four, he would pick flowers to present to a statue of Mary. He would also kiss Jesus on the crucifix. As Carlo grew, so did his devotion. He received his First Communion at the age of seven, and from that time on he said the Rosary every day and went to daily Mass. Carlo was extremely bright and eventually found his passion in computer programming. He combined this love with his love of Christ in the Eucharist. This inspired him to create a website cataloging Eucharistic miracles around the world. "The Eucharist is my highway to heaven," Carlo said. He rightly understood that the Eucharist transforms lives and gives a foretaste of heaven. When not programming, Carlo was a normal kid having fun with his friends. But he was always encouraging them to do the right thing, to speak kindly, and to help others. He and his mother would volunteer with the homeless, taking them blankets and food, and he would encourage his friends to join them. Carlo also taught catechism classes at his church. Carlo went to confession regularly and kept a journal of his behaviors, noting what he could do better. At 15, Carlo fell ill and thought he had the flu. However, his sickness didn't improve, so his parents took him to the doctor. They were told that he had an aggressive form of leukemia. It was an illness that would quickly take his life. Though Carlo was in a lot of pain and knew that he would soon die, he offered up those sufferings for the Church and Pope Benedict. He told his mother: "I die happy because I did not spend my life wasting my time on things not pleasing to God."

Just a week after his family received the diagnosis—on October 12, 2006—Carlo died. People—strangers and friends alike—packed the church for his funeral. They told story after story of how his witness changed their lives.

### Pier Giorgio Frassati – Feast Day July 14

Pier Giorgio Frassati was born in Italy in 1901. His father began a popular newspaper and was well known in the government. As a result, the Frassatis were wealthy. Pier Giorgio was blessed with a devotion to God from a young age. His childlike faith centered on the Eucharist and Mary. Pier Giorgio saw his wealth as a way to care for others. The majority of his spending money went to those who did not have enough food. He befriended many of the poor people in his neighborhood. He did these acts quietly. No one knew who he was. His family also didn't realize the extent of his charity. Pier Giorgio was a daily Communicant. He was also an active participant in the Marian Solidarity, the Apostleship of Prayer, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Catholic Student Foundation, Catholic Action, and the People's Party. Pier Giorgio was a college student in Italy. His major was mining engineering. Pier Giorgio's other passions included mountain climbing, art and music, and attending the theater or opera.

When he was 24, Pier Giorgio fell ill with polio. The doctors believed he got sick from the poor he served. On his deathbed, he asked a friend to look after someone he had been serving. His illness was actually so severe because he had been too busy taking care of his sick grandmother to worry about his own health. Pier Giorgio died on July 4, 1925. His family was shocked to see how many poor people attended his funeral. Likewise, the poor were shocked to find out who his family was and how wealthy he was. In 1981, Pier Giorgio's body was found to be undecayed. In 1990, he was beatified by Pope John Paul II. The phrase "Verso l'alto" is often associated with Bl. Pier Giorgio. It means "toward the top." Pier Giorgio wrote this on the back of a photo of his last mountain climb. It is fitting for this holy young man, for he was always trying to become closer to God.

### Why Pray the Bl. Carlo Acutis and Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati Canonization Novena?

Bl. Carlo Acutis has become known as the patron saint of the Internet because of his passion for programming and because he electronically catalogued a list of Eucharistic miracles.

You can also pray for his intercession to help you grow closer to Christ in the Eucharist and to serve the poor as he did.

Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati does not have an official patronage. However, he lived recently and died young. Many Catholic young adults seek his intercession for this reason.

His dedication to the poor also makes him a great candidate for prayers for humility and for the poor. His own illness leads others to pray to him for joy in suffering.

You can pray the Bl. Carlo Acutis and Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati Canonization Novena for any intention!

**My Intention(s) :**

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**Bl. Carlo Acutis and Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati Novena Prayers**

**Aug 29 – Sept 6 or Aug 30 – Sept 7**

**Day 1**

Jesus, we thank You for giving us models of devotion and submission to You in Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Help us to imitate their holy examples.

Blessed Carlo, you had a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Indeed, you once said that she was the only woman in your life.

Blessed Pier Giorgio, you were a shining example of saying “yes” to God as you answered God’s call to serve Him by caring for the needs of the poor. Even as you were dying your own painful death, your thoughts were always directed to how you could help more people.

Pray for us, that just as Our Lady said “yes” to God, we may also have the courage to say “yes” to God. Pray that we may strive every day to seek and do His will. Please also pray for my intentions: \_\_\_\_\_

*(repeat every day)*

**Bl. Carlo Acutis and Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, pray for us!**

**Lord Jesus, may the elevation of these men as saints of the Your Church inspire greater holiness and faith among all the faithful but especially the youth.**

**Day 2**

Jesus, we thank You for giving us models of devotion to the Eucharist in Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Help us to imitate their holy examples.

Blessed Carlo, after making your First Communion, you faithfully attended daily Mass. You also had a special devotion to Christ in the Eucharist, and you would frequently stop by the tabernacle and pray, wanting to spend even more time with Jesus. You understood how precious that time was, and you knew the importance of prayer and quiet time with Our Lord.

Blessed Pier Giorgio, your devotion was fixed on God from such an early age. You loved God with such a passion. You told everyone about Him! You even received the Eucharist daily.

Pray for us, that we may grow in devotion to the Eucharist. Pray that we may do all we can to make ourselves worthy of receiving Our Eucharistic Lord. Please also pray for my intentions: \_\_\_\_\_

*... repeated prayer*

**Day 3**

Jesus, we thank You for giving us models of dedication to prayer in Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Help us to imitate their holy examples.

Blessed Carlo, in addition to attending Mass each day, you faithfully said a daily Rosary. Despite the busyness of life, you always took time out of your day to pray.

Pier Giorgio, you deeply appreciated the beauty of creation. Your love of nature prompted your passion for mountain climbing and for the outdoors. It was in nature that you connected most with God, as you saw in creation the reflection of God Himself.

Pray for us, that we may dedicate ourselves more fully to our prayer life. Pray that we may always take time out of our day to pray. Please also pray for my intentions: \_\_\_\_\_

*... repeated prayer*

#### Day 4

Jesus, we thank You for giving us models of virtue in Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Help us to imitate their holy examples.

Blessed Carlo, you told your mother before your death: "I die happy because I did not spend my life wasting my time on things not pleasing to God." Your goal was to always be close to Jesus.

Blessed Pier Giorgio, you took a stand for what you believed in. You weren't afraid of offending others with your beliefs. You were courageous and spoke your mind. You also put those beliefs into action. You helped the poor. You joined advocacy groups. You effected change.

Pray for us, that we may spend every day trying to get closer to God, listening to His words, talking to Him in prayer, and doing good things for others. Pray that we may put God and others first in our lives so that we, too, can die happy. Please also pray for my intentions: \_\_\_\_\_

(repeat every day)

**Bl. Carlo Acutis and Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, pray for us!**

**Lord Jesus, may the elevation of these men as saints of the Your Church inspire greater holiness and faith among all the faithful but especially the youth.**

#### Day 5

Jesus, we thank You for giving us models of Christ-like love in Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Help us to imitate their holy examples.

Blessed Carlo, you taught others that our compass must be the word of God. Your example and the love you showed to others made a difference in the lives of so many. You were a shining example to your friends of Christ's love and compassion. And in everything you did, you glorified God.

Blessed Pier Giorgio, you knew how to use your suffering to glorify God. You were diagnosed with polio at only 24 years old. Yet you were more concerned with others' needs. Your final act was to care for others. So many hearts have been changed by your joyful suffering.

Pray for us, that we may live our lives with God's word as our guidepost. Pray that we may glorify God in all that we do. Please also pray for my intentions: \_\_\_\_\_

... repeated prayer

#### Day 6

Jesus, we thank You for giving us models of virtue in Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Help us to imitate their holy examples.

Blessed Carlo, you understood that every person is created in the image and likeness of God. You built a culture of life within your community as you taught others the importance of doing good for others.

Pier Giorgio, you were not satisfied to just watch the world's events. You wanted to be an active participant. You wanted to effect change. You wanted to speak the truth in love. And you found that you were able to do that through Catholic organizations.

Pray for us, that we may do God's will as we teach respect for all human beings. Pray that we may build a culture of life where all people understand their value and the value of others. Please also pray for my intentions: \_\_\_\_\_

... repeated prayer

## Day 7

Jesus, we thank You for giving us models of kindness and love in Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Help us to imitate their holy examples.

Blessed Carlo, you were kind to others, never doing anything to hurt anyone. People felt drawn to your peaceful demeanor. They saw that you had a pure heart. Your friends knew that they could rely on you for advice or help when they had problems. Even strangers knew of your kindness.

Bl. Pier Giorgio, you impacted so many people. You were beloved by family, friends, and the poor. You made a difference in politics and culture. You radiated Christ's perfection in your treatment of the poor. You weren't satisfied with the way things were. You wanted to make an impact, and you did!

Pray for us, that we put aside any pettiness, anger, resentment, or hatred that we feel toward others. Pray that we may radiate Christ's love to all people. Please also pray for my intentions: \_\_\_\_\_

(repeat every day)

**Bl. Carlo Acutis and Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, pray for us!**

**Lord Jesus, may the elevation of these men as saints of the Your Church inspire greater holiness and faith among all the faithful but especially the youth.**

## Day 8

Jesus, we thank You for giving us models of virtuous living in Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Help us to imitate their holy examples.

Blessed Carlo, you asked us to spread the Gospel through our lives so that each of us can be a beacon to light the journey of others. You were certainly that light for so many. Your life was an amazing example of living the Gospel and spreading that light so that others could come to know Jesus through you.

Blessed Pier Giorgio, what an example you are to all young people! Your devotion was fixed on God from such an early age. You loved God with such a passion. You told everyone about Him!

Pray for us, that instead of hiding in the shadows, we may step out into the light and defend our faith. Pray that we may shine Christ's light without any hesitation. Please also pray for my intentions: \_\_\_\_\_

... repeated prayer

## Day 9

Jesus, we thank You for giving us models of deep prayer life in Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Help us to imitate their holy examples!

Blessed Carlo, you once said: "To be close to Jesus is my life plan." You had such devotion to and such love for Christ. You spent hours in adoration craving a closeness to Him. You prayed unceasingly. You are a beautiful example of how to love and how to pray.

Pier Giorgio, it was in nature that you connected most deeply with God. As you appreciated the beauty of creation during your mountain climbing, you praised God and grew in a strong prayer life.

Pray for us, that we may work hard at making any changes in our lives that we need for holiness. Pray that prayer may be a part of us, not simply a part of our days. Please also pray for my intentions: \_\_\_\_\_

... repeated prayer

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