

Reflection and Prayer for St Pier Giorgio Frassati

Leader's guide

Aim: To learn about the life and canonisation of St Pier Giorgio Frassati.

Materials needed:

- PowerPoint slides
- Leader's guide

Introduction

Slide 1: Welcome the attendees and outline the reason why we're here today.

Slide 2: Explain that Pier Giorgio Frassati will be/has been made a saint by Pope Leo on Sept 7 2025, and that he is now patron saint of Young Vincentians (young members of the SVP).

The life of St Pier Giorgio Frassati

Slide 3: Birth date and place.

Slide 4: Tell the children when Pier joined the SVP and why.

Slide 5 & 6: Stories about Pier's acts of kindness.

Slide 7: Explain that Pier was outspoken about human rights.

Slide 8: Pier's prayer life, which was very important to him

Slide 9: Talk about Pier's passion for mountain climbing, and how he would evangelise and pray with people while on a climb.

Slide 10: Read out Pier's famous saying and explain that it inspires us to always aim to serve others on our journey.

Prayer

Slide 11 & 12: You may wish to read this out yourself or invite everyone to read out the prayer on the screen.

(The prayer and reflection ends of slide 12. Slides 13 & 14 can be used as part of this presentation or as a separate activity.)

Call to action - SVP "To the Heights" Challenge

Slide 13: Introduce the SVP challenge, inspired by St Pier Giorgio Frassati

Slide 14: Briefly explain the call to action using the information on the slide. The main aim of the challenge is to fundraise for the SVP by choosing a mountain and completing the distance or time it takes to reach the summit by being sponsored for an activity. Example: If you chose Ben Nevis in Scotland, you could walk 1345m, spend 8 hours doing acts of service, or aim to raise £1345 through fundraising efforts.