

# Hints for prayer

## Psalm 127

*Psalm 127 emphasizes the necessity of the Lord's guidance and support in constructing a home.*

Unless the LORD build the house,  
they labor in vain who build.  
Unless the LORD guard the city,  
in vain does the guard keep watch.

It is vain for you to rise early  
and put off your rest at night,  
To eat bread earned by hard toil—  
all this God gives to his beloved in sleep.

Certainly sons are a gift from the LORD,  
the fruit of the womb, a reward.  
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior  
are the sons born in one's youth.

Blessed is the man who has filled his quiver  
with them.  
He will never be shamed  
for he will destroy his foes at the gate.

## Prayer

Set our hearts aflame, O Lord, with the Spirit of your charity, we pray, that we may always think thoughts worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you sincerely in our brothers and sisters.

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# Sharing in order to go far

The narrative of an aspiration



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# If you aspire to go far, do so in the company of others

There are dreams that grow on their own, and others that, in order to be recognized and to blossom, require friends with whom to share them. I am Giovanni Antonio Farina, and my story is made precisely of these dreams—alive not only in my heart, but also in the hearts of those friends whom God so generously placed in my life.

**Together we have lived God's dream for so many,  
many generations.**

It is difficult for me to tell this story briefly, because there are many details that make it extraordinary. That is why I will let my friends tell it to you, little by little, each contributing their own uniqueness!

## Father Luca Passi



Don Luca Passi, a priest passionate about the Gospel like few others, as well as a dedicated, meticulous, and enterprising educator and teacher, will tell you how he entrusted me with the mission of caring for young girls in the Pious Work of Saint Dorothy.

## Father Gaetano De Luca



Father Gaetano de Luca, a Carmelite—man, father, and master of the spiritual life—resolute and affectionate in the vital art of prayer, will tell you how he ignited in many hearts of Vicenza—and especially in mine!—the spirituality of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, making it the most beautiful and precious source of nourishment for the friendship that was born among all of us.

## Count Baldassare Porta



Count Baldassare Porta, noble by family and even more by virtue, a humble seeker of God and of what is right, will tell you how he took the first steps in establishing the School of Charity in the city of Vicenza, and how he entrusted it to me so that it could experience a new spring!

## Father Angelico Carlesso



"Father Angelico Carlesso, a Franciscan Minor, a trusted brother, a man of God, diligent and careful steward of His goods, will tell you how the School of Charity faced struggles that did not stop it, but rather forged it, giving all of us the precious opportunity to rekindle our passion.

## Valentino Piccoli



Valentino Piccoli, born and made for the poor, a loving husband and father, a precious friend, always free from worry or a veil of melancholy, will tell you how Charity is something as immense as it becomes small and humble in hidden, generous gestures. If our School is still alive today, we owe it in a special way to him as well.

## Felice de Maria



Felice de Maria, my faithful friend, indispensable collaborator, and master of joy and devotion, will tell you how he shared with me every struggle and every joy, nurturing our dream together as brothers.

## Redenta Olivieri



Redenta Olivieri, a loving woman, elder sister, affectionate and determined mother, wise adviser to every brother and daughter she cared for, she who has always been by my side since the beginning of this dream, will tell you how the tapestry of Love that the Lord has woven into our lives has grown so much that even today it brings its colors and richness to the whole world.



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