It is a yearning for God, as necessary to the supernatural life as the air we breathe is to the natural life. It is a constant need – Jesus Christ tells that we must pray always. Yes, the soul needs to pray always not only to ask, to thank, to praise but TO LIVE."

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February 8 is the 150th anniversary of our Founder’s death. It provides us with a good opportunity to celebrate together as a Family. Fr. Noailles left us the gift of our Charism to share with the world.

AN INVITATION TO CELEBRATE

This time of Advent, Christmas and the New Year invites us once again to choose life and to unite ourselves with the whole of humanity which cries out between despair and hope. This is what Pierre Bienvenu Noailles asks of us today – to pray and to choose life.

“Prayer is a cry of distress to God asking for his help, an act of thanksgiving for gifts received and an act of love putting us in touch with the one we love.

"GRACES RECEIVED"

My friend phoned me very upset that her son was seriously ill with acute leukaemia and had been told that his illness was terminal.

I went to the house of the Sisters of the Holy Family and told the story and asked them to pray through the intercession of the Venerable Pierre Bienvenu Noailles.

Some time later, at an official gathering, to my great surprise, I unexpectedly met the person who had been so ill but I said nothing.
Then the day that we celebrated the 150th anniversary of the death of the Venerable Pierre Bienvenu Noailles in our neighbourhood, the man who had been ill was there with his daughter and other members of his family.

It was very moving when he went to the front and spontaneously spoke about his cure and thanked Pierre Bienvenu Noailles and all who had prayed for a cure through his intercession. For the past thirteen months, tests have shown that everything is normal and he is back at work.

At this Mass the life and work of the Founder of the Holy Family was spoken about. When I heard about all the graces I felt great confidence in the mediation of our Venerable Father. I also give thanks and want to tell people about this extraordinary cure received through the intercession of Pierre Bienvenu Noailles.

Signed: C.R. (Argentina)

During the month of August my two-year-old niece was operated on for a very serious brain tumour and is still fighting for her life. But God has given me the grace to hope still. I really felt that I was in a valley of tears but also in a sea of mercy. I am sure that I owe this to the intercession of Fr. Pierre Bienvenu Noailles.

A Sister of the Holy Family gave me the bulletin which gives an account of the graces received through his intercession. Reading it increased my trust, hope and faith. Faith gives us strength and fortitude and leads us into the truth of God’s love. It was a spiritual experience which I received through the intercession of Pierre Bienvenu Noailles.

Signed: B. C. (Philippines)

NOTHING CAN NOW HOLD YOU BACK.
GO FORWARD!
Pierre Bienvenu NOAILLES
(Preface 1851)