READING—LUKE 11:1-13
Lord, teach us to pray.

REFLECTION
The Gospel for today reminds us be careful of what you ask for in prayer for you may have to become what you ask for. Today’s Gospel encourages us to bring before the Lord, in prayer, the needs of others. In our prayer, we ask to be transformed by the experience of God’s love so that we, ourselves, can respond and minister to the situations of need that we have become aware of.

When was the last time you prayed for somebody else’s needs? How has another’s need transformed you?

RESPONSE
Lord, You are my patience, my strength, my light and my counsel. You guide me in what I have to say to my pupils, and you make them responsive to my words. Be with them and with me at all times. Give me, for their sake, a share in the gifts of your Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, courage, knowledge, filial devotion to You and a fear of displeasing You.

Increase my faith and give me zeal to build your kingdom. Accept my work as the continuation of your Son’s earthly ministry. I ask this in His name. AMEN.

FROM DE LA SALLE’S MEDITATION FOR ROGATION MONDAY
God looks upon the poor children with compassion and takes care of them as being their protector, their support and their father, and it is to you that he entrusts this care. This God of goodness places them in our hands and undertakes to give them everything you ask of him for them: piety, self-control, reserve, purity, the avoidance of bad companions. And because God knows that of yourself you have neither enough virtue nor enough ability to give all these things to the children he entrusted to you, he wants you to ask him for these blessings for them frequently, fervently, and insistently. IN this way, thanks to your care, nothing will be lacking to them that they need for their salvation.
nurture Children-in-Conflict with the Law (CICL). The volunteers took part in a two-day program with the residents.

Lastly, the volunteers also visited Gawad Kalinga (GK) in Baseco.

Throughout their trip, the volunteers were also able to visit five different campuses in the Philippines – La Salle Green Hills (LSGH), De La Salle University (DLSU), De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde (DLS-CSB), De La Salle University-Dasmarinas (DLSU-D), and De La Salle Health Sciences Institute (DLSHSI). Below is an excerpt from their reflection paper:

"The delegates were deeply touched by the community service done by the Lasallians in the Philippines. The Filipino Lasallian brothers and sisters also showed their warm hospitality to the participants.

The Hong Kong Lasallian Volunteers Formation Trip 2013 was indeed an eye-opening and memorable experience for the participants. Even though we have been told of the social realities from various corners of the world, the impact and influence can never be the same as witnessing it with our own eyes. We are glad that the Lasallian brothers and sisters are taking care of the less fortunate in response to the call of Saint La Salle. With the experience and success of the trip, a similar trip for the new volunteers would likely be held in a few years time."

BR. BERNARD S. OCA FSC: THE EIGHTH PRESIDENT OF DLSZ

Br. Bernard S. Oca FSC, or Br. Bernie, was officially inducted as the eighth President of De La Salle Santiago Zobel School (DLSZ) during the solemnity of the birth of St. John the Baptist last 24 June 2013. The occasion was graced by one of the sisters of the president, Ballsy Aquino-Cruz, members of the DLSZ Board of Trustees, De La Salle Brothers, alumni, parents, students, Lasallian Partners and distinguished guests.

A Eucharistic Celebration, presided by Msgr. Rufino Suplido, preceded the Installation Rite. Br. Armin Luistro FSC, Department of Education Secretary and former DLSZ President, read the letter of appointment that was signed by the Chairman of the DLSZ Board of Trustees, Br. Jose Mari Jimenez FSC. It was followed by the Presentation of the Presidential Medal. Julia Therese P. Sabitsana (DLSZ 2025), one of DLSZ’s Brother President Scholars, carried the medal. Br. Dennis Magbanua FSC, outgoing DLSZ President, then bestowed the medal to Br. Bernie. Br. Armin administered the Oath of Office while Jay La Salle, a Br. Rafael Donato FSC Night High School student, held the Bible for Br. Bernie.

The acceptance speech of Br. Bernie highlighted President Corazon C. Aquino as his source of inspiration. He was inspired by her selfless response to God’s call to serve our country when she took on Ninoy Aquino’s fight for democracy. He stressed a correlation between being a nationalist and a Lasallian; that DLSZ, as a Catholic institution, should form saints and heroes or heroines who will contribute to the betterment of our country.

In the parting, Br. Bernie expressed his gratitude to Br. Dennis for handing him an already excellent school. With his remarkable experience as a Lasallian educator and leader, it allows him to hit the ground running and continue to lead in forming “Christian achievers for God and country”.

LASALLIAN EARTH DAY (LED)

ISAIAH 45:15-25

Turn to me and be safe, All you ends of the earth, For I am God; there is no other!

PRAYING WITH CREATION

Dear God, We give thanks for places of simplicity and peace. Let us find such a place within ourselves. We give thanks for places of refuge and beauty. Let us find such a place within ourselves. We give thanks for places of nature’s truth and freedom, of joy, inspiration, and renewal, places where all creatures may find acceptance and belonging. Let us search for these places in the world, in ourselves, and in others. Let us restore them. Let us strengthen them and protect them and let us create them.

May we mend this outer world according to the truth of our inner life and may our souls be shaped and nourished by nature’s eternal wisdom. AMEN.