

JOSEPH GERARD, O.M.I.

God, Source of peace, rain and abundance,
You called Blessed Joseph Gérard, your priest,
to be a pioneer missionary in South Africa and Lesotho,
grant us through his intercession
that sharing in his love for the poor,
we may bring peace and reconciliation to a divided world.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ etc.,

NOVENA PRAYER

· Father in heaven, we thank you for the abundance of your blessings in the life of Joseph Gérard. Keep us faithful to his example and make us messengers of your Word, so that the Good News of our Saviour Jesus Christ may be heard and heeded in our world today. In your bounty grant to us the special grace we ask, as we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.



PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF HOLY OBLATES

O Lord, our Savior
we come to you in prayer.
Among the Oblates now with you in the
Father's house
there are some whose holiness
you have chosen to make more manifest.

We ask you to show even more clearly
the marvelous work you achieved in them
during the days of their earthly existence.

Grant your Church the light
to present them to all people
as men who have lived fully
the love you offered them.

O Mary, Mother of Mercy,
intercede for us before your Son,
who lives and reigns with the Father and the
Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

Amen.