



## Litany of the Catholic Apostolate Leader\*

Jesus, who came to serve rather than be served and to give Your life as a ransom for many, Hear me.

- ✠ From a lack of trust that You will bless my faithful service in the best way possible, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*
- ✠ From the belief that I have all the answers, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*
- ✠ From the temptation to place my will above Yours in my work, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*
- ✠ From neglect of the Sacraments and my life of prayer, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*
- ✠ From a belief that I cannot do what You ask of me even if I rely on You and Your grace, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*
- ✠ From a desire to manipulate others to get my own way, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*
- ✠ From losing sight of the truth that my efforts only have meaning if united to You, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*
- ✠ From a failure to stay rooted in the Magisterium of the Catholic Church, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*
- ✠ From neglecting my family and friends as I work, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*
- ✠ From a failure to see when I need help and to ask for it, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*
- ✠ From the temptation to not be fully present to others, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*
- ✠ From a lack of concern about whether those who serve the apostolate are able to live balanced lives, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*
- ✠ From the mistaken belief that all success is due to human efforts or my own contributions, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*
- ✠ From a failure to recognize the contributions of others, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*
- ✠ From viewing other apostolates or leaders as competitors, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*
- ✠ From a desire to raise my own profile rather than simply do what you are asking of me, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

- ✠ That I must answer for how I treat both those I serve through the work of the apostolate and those who work for me, *Jesus, grant me the grace to lead well and understand.*
- ✠ That I must be a good steward of every resource gifted to the apostolate, *Jesus, grant me the grace to lead well and understand.*
- ✠ That the apostolate only matters to the degree it is tethered to You and Your Church, *Jesus, grant me the grace to lead well and understand.*
- ✠ That my obligation is to always seek the thriving of those I invite into the work of the apostolate, *Jesus, grant me the grace to lead well and understand.*
- ✠ That I am dependent on the wisdom and good counsel of others, *Jesus, grant me the grace to lead well and understand.*
- ✠ That I must never take a transactional view of any person who contributes to the apostolate, *Jesus, grant me the grace to lead well and understand.*
- ✠ That I may be held to account for any unnecessary discord, pain, rivalries, or poor stewardship that arise from my part as a leader of the apostolate, *Jesus, grant me the grace to lead well and understand.*
- ✠ That there will come a time when I must, for the good of the apostolate, willingly pass the work over to new leaders, *Jesus, grant me the grace to lead well and understand.*
- ✠ That, at some point, the apostolate will cease to exist, and You, Lord, are the arbiter of when the time has come, *Jesus, grant me the grace to lead well and understand.*
- ✠ That no challenge is beyond Your power to overcome in the way You choose, *Jesus, grant me the grace to lead well and understand.*

Heavenly Father, we entrust to you all our efforts. Keep the apostolate and those who lead and support it firmly rooted in You and the saving mission of the Church. Give us wisdom to discern Your Will and to follow it in all we do to build up the Body of Christ and the communities we serve. We offer these petitions to You, Almighty Father, through Your Son and Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.