

## Opening Prayer

The fundamental philosophy of the mature Ignatius was that we ought to desire and choose only that which is more conducive to the end for which we are created - to praise, reverence, and serve God through serving other human beings.

Let us pray:

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve;  
to give, and not to count the cost,  
to fight, and not to heed the wounds,  
to toil, and not to seek for rest,  
to labor, and not to ask for reward,  
except that of knowing that we are doing your will.

St. Ignatius of Loyola