## PRAYER OF DEVOTION IN HONOR OF FR. PETER MARIE MERMIER (1790 – 1862)

God of Love, You care for us and You guide us in numerous ways. We thank You for inflaming the heart of Fr. Peter Mermier with an intense love for You and a zeal for the salvation of souls. You blessed him with a total trust in You and in humble surrender to Your holy Will.

It was your will that he should found the Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, and with Mother Claudine Echernier, the Congregation of the Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod, to spread your mercy and compassion, to all by witnessing to Your love and through their prophetic ministries. His life of holiness was his supreme act of glory to You.

Loving Father, while he was on earth, You blessed many through him, especially in the renewal of Christian faith and family through the spirituality of St. Francis de Sales. You raised him to the saintly state of Servant of God. Thereby You testify that he is Your highly favoured son for whom You refuse nothing. So we pray that through his holy intercession, You bless us now with favour we request and pray for ... (silence)

We make this prayer through Christ Your Son who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever ... AMEN

Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be to the Father,

Servant of God, Father Peter Mermier: Intercede for us

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