

PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF FR. AUGUSTUS TOLTON

O God, * we give you thanks for your servant and priest,
Father Augustus Tolton, * who labored among us in times of
contradiction,* times that were both beautiful and paradoxical. *
His ministry helped lay the foundation for a truly Catholic
gathering in faith in our time.* We stand in the shadow of his
ministry.* May his life continue to inspire us * and imbue us
with that confidence and hope * that will forge a
new evangelization for the Church we love.

Father in Heaven, * Father Tolton's suffering service sheds light
upon our sorrows; * we see them through the prism of your Son's
passion and death.* If it be your Will, O God,* glorify your servant,
Father Tolton, * by granting the favor I now request through his
intercession * (*mention your request*) * so that all may know the
goodness of this priest * whose memory looms large
in the Church he loved.

Complete what you have begun in us * that we might work for the
fulfillment of your kingdom.* Not to us the glory,* but glory to
you O God, through Jesus Christ, your Son* and our Lord; *
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,* you are our God, living and reigning
forever and ever. Amen

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