

PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF PIERRE TOUSSAINT

Lord God, source of love and compassion,
we praise and honor You for the virtuous and
charitable life of our brother in Christ,
Venerable Pierre Toussaint.

Inspired by the example of our Lord Jesus,
Pierre worshipped You with love
and served your people with generosity.

He attended Mass daily and responded to the
practical and spiritual needs of friends and strangers,
or the rich and the poor, the sick and the homeless of
19th century New York.

If it is Your will, let the name of
Venerable Pierre Toussaint
be officially raised to the rank of Saint,
so that the world may know this Haitian New Yorker
who refused to hate or be selfish,
but instead lived to the full commandments of heaven
and the divine law of love – love for God and for
neighbor.

By following his example and asking for his prayers,
may we, too, be counted among the blessed in heaven.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.