

St. Peter Claver  
Feast Day: September 9

Peter Claver was a Jesuit priest from Spain who was sent to serve as a missionary in South America in the early 1600s. He dedicated forty years of his life to spreading Christ's love to the African slaves who were being traded in the city of Cartagena. Many people did not treat slaves with respect and their needs were often neglected. However, Peter treated all people with dignity and provided them with food, clothing, and access to the Sacraments. He was able to remind the slaves of God's love for them and baptised 40,000 during his time there. Peter is a great example of a saint who respected the dignity of others, not merely through words but most importantly through his actions.

St. Peter Claver, pray for us!

