All present please pray together:

In His Steps Prayer

Holy Spirit, you are the love and light of the world.
Continue to give all Serrans the courage and generosity
to respond ardently to your call.

With one voice now, all Serrans say, “Here I am Lord”.
Fire each of us with a renewed spirit and enthusiasm
to work for vocations for our Church.

Deepen our commitment to the Serran mission
that we may, indeed, walk “In His Steps” on our journey.

Father, we ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord,
through the intercession of Blessed Junipero Serra and
Mary, the Mother of the Church and religious vocations.

Amen.

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Junipero Serra

Heavenly Father, we ask you to look lovingly on the missionary
journey of your faithful servant, Blessed Junipero Serra.

His steadfast efforts in founding nine missions in California and
the conversion of thousands of Native Americans, have inspired the
formation and work of Serra International. This ministry in Father
Serra’s name is to encourage and affirm vocations to priesthood and
vowed religious life.

We pray that you bless this holy and courageous Franciscan
missionary and grant him the ultimate honor of Sainthood in Your
heavenly kingdom.

We ask this in the name of Thy Blessed Trinity and of Mary,
Queen of Vocations. Amen

Feast Day of Blessed Junipero Serra
- July 1st -
New Member
Induction Ceremony
Serra Club of North-Minneapolis
Tuesday, March 27, 2007

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