



# The Holy See

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APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO CHILE AND PERU

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## ***PRAYER BEFORE THE RELICS OF THE PERUVIAN SAINTS***

*Cathedral of Saint John the Apostle, Lima*

*Sunday, 21 January 2018*

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### **[Multimedia]**

God our Father,  
through Jesus Christ  
you founded your Church  
on the rock of the Apostles,  
that, guided by the Holy Spirit,  
she may be a sign and instrument  
of your love and mercy in the world:  
we thank you for the gifts you have  
bestowed upon our Church in Lima.

We thank you in a special way  
for the holiness that has flourished in our land.  
Our Archdiocesan Church has been made fruitful  
by the apostolic labours of Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo,  
enlarged by the prayer, penance and charity  
of Saint Rose of Lima and Saint Martin de Porres,  
adorned by the missionary zeal of Saint Francisco Solano  
and the humble service of Saint Juan Macías.  
It has been blessed by the witness of Christian life and fidelity to the Gospel  
of many others of our brothers and sisters.  
We give you thanks for all that you have accomplished in our history

and we ask you to keep us faithful to the heritage we have received.

Help us to be a Church that goes forth,  
drawing near to all, especially the less fortunate.

Teach us to be missionary disciples  
of Jesus Christ, the Lord of Miracles,  
living in love, seeking unity  
and practising mercy,  
so that, protected by the intercession  
of Our Lady of Evangelization,  
we may live the joy of the Gospel  
and proclaim it before the world.