

## Official prayer for the 150th

Here is the text of the official prayer for the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of our Lavigerie family.



## Prayer

God, our Father,  
on leaving this world,  
your son Jesus entrusted to his disciples  
the mission of proclaiming his message to all nations.  
A hundred and fifty years ago, inspired by your Holy Spirit,  
and led by a deep love for Africa,  
Cardinal Lavigerie founded our two missionary institutes  
for which we give you thanks.  
Under the protection of Mary Immaculate, Our Lady of Africa,  
we have served you in love and joy.  
Forgive us our errors in the mission.  
Let your blessing protect all the peoples of Africa  
who proclaim your glory to the whole world.  
Renew us by the power of your Spirit,  
so that we may continue with zeal and passion  
the work that our Founder  
and our missionary ancestors have initiated.