

Jesus Christ, Son of Man,

Grant us the virtue of **simplicity**,
Help us to find honest words of love and comfort.
May our integrity be clear in our words and in our actions,
So that all whom we serve will know they can trust
In what we say, in what we do, and in why we serve.

Jesus Christ, among us as one who serves,

Grant us the virtue of **humility**.
Lead us to seek God's glory, not our own.
May we seek neither credit nor thanks,
But instead seek Your kingdom first.
May we seek not to be served but to serve.

Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd,

Grant us the virtue of **gentleness**.
Help us to offer comfort to all those in need.
May we always offer our purest patience and good will.
May we never waver in our kindness, that we may bring to others
A glimpse of Your gentle and eternal love.

Jesus Christ, Lamb of God,

Grant us the virtue of **selflessness**.
May we follow Your example of loving self-sacrifice
In serving the least among us, even when it is difficult.
Help us to remember that our gifts are not only for us,
So that we will give freely of our time, our possessions, and ourselves.

Jesus Christ, Evangelizer and Servant of the Poor,

Grant us the virtue of **zeal**.
May we light fires of Your love in the hearts of all we serve.
Help us to make them know they are not forgotten;
That they are seen and loved;
And that they, too, are invited to perfect union with You.

Amen.

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