



## A CELEBRATION OF ST LOUISE DE MARILLAC AND BLESSED ROSALIE RENDU

### Ant:

Let us serve with hearts filled with the pure love of God which enables us always to love the roses amidst the thorns.  
I will never stop thanking God,  
with constant words of praise  
My souls will boast of God;  
The poor will hear me and be glad

Join me in praising the Lord,  
Together let us tell of God's name  
I asked and the Lord responded,  
Freed me from all my fears.  
Psalm 34

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### Reading

**Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Live on in my love. You will live in my love if you keep my commandments, even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and live in his love. All this I tell you that my joy may be yours and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." Jn 15:9-7**

*Always remember, that if our childhood had been one of constant want, perhaps, we too, would have given away to envy and hatred, as I must admit have many of the poor we serve. Be kind and love, for love is your first gift to the poor. They will appreciate your kindness and your love more than all else you can bring to them. If you wish to be loved, you must love, and if you have nothing to give, give yourself." Rosalie Rendu*

*As for your conduct toward the sick, may you never take the attitude of merely getting the task done. You must show them affection; serving them from the heart; inquiring of them what they might need; speaking to them gently and compassionately. St Louise*

### Intercessions

Compassionate God, Louise and Rosalie, ministered to the needs of your people  
-Give us the courage to walk in their footsteps as we serve people in need.  
For the poor we serve,  
-Grant us the grace to serve in friendship.  
For all who follow in the footsteps of these Vincentian women,  
-May we show your love to the world.

### Final Prayer

O God, you granted the spirit of your love to Blessed Rosalie and St Louise de Marillac, so that they might assist the poor and abandoned, grant, we beseech you, that, by their example, we too rejoice to recognize Christ in the poor, and to serve him with tireless charity. Amen.