God of the Heavenly Hosts, God of mercy, God of compassion

we are lowly sinners and we humbly ask you to hear our prayer.

We ask St. Ignatius,

to intercede for us and to hear our prayer and perfect our petitions for teens this Advent.

We have our advent candles burning in our homes and parishes now

and they are a stark reminder in the early darkness of winter

that Christ, the light, is present when we seek him.

We pray that the spirit of Advent

inspire our teens to turn off the distractions of the day;

Ipod, Ipad, Itunes, Imax, Tweets, Blogs, Facebook, texting and email.

We pray that they express themselves not in these superficial ways

but in ways that are real, deeper and with a true sense of who they are,

the real I in relation to their heavenly Father and creator.

Please stir their hearts to peacefulness and quiet

that they may joyfully anticipate the coming of your son Jesus Christ.

Help our teens to

make the path to you straight, free from clutter, noise and the distractions of the day.

We pray that they never lose the desire to seek heaven and the true good

that is the Will of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Body of Christ, save them.

Water from the side of Christ, wash them.

Blood of Christ, cover them.

We humbly ask all these through your son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.  Amen.