

Prayer for the 150th Anniversary of Re-evangelization

(June 17, 2018 - June 16, 2019)

Our Father, full of love, Creator of all,
through the firm work of the Holy Spirit,
You Extended Your merciful hand
and sent forth Your Son, the Word of God
so that all people will yearn and find You.

You brought forth the Gospel of Jesus
to the warring state of Japan
through St. Francis Xavier.
Supported by Your grace,
the Japanese Christians
endured the difficult persecutions,
held fast to their faith,
and waited 250 years until they received again the sacraments through the
priests.
You built the Church of Japan
on the blood of the martyrs.

On June 17, 1868,
re-evangelization in the Diocese of Osaka started
upon the taking up of the new post of Fr. Mounicou.
We, who are celebrating its 150th anniversary,
inherit that faith and mission.

Merciful Father,
supported by Your love,
and like Blessed Justo Takayama Ukon
who overcame each suffering,
may we also continue to learn throughout our lives
the Gospel that dwells within us
and may we proclaim it to as many people as we can.

Holy Mother Mary,
Please walk with us.
St. Francis Xavier,
Please encourage our missionary activities.
Blessed Justo Takayama Ukon,
Please support our faith.
Amen.