Prayer to the Holy Seven Youths in Ephesus: Maximilian, Iamblichus, Martinian, John, Dionysius, Exacustodianus & Antoninus, from their Akathist

most-marvelous holy youths, seven in number, boast of the city of Ephesus and hope of the whole world! Look down from the height of Heavenly glory on us, who honour your memory with love, and especially upon Christian infants, by their parents entrusted to your intercession. Call down upon us the blessing of Christ God, Who said: “Suffer little children to come unto Me.” Heal the sick among them, comfort those who sorrow: preserve their hearts in purity, fill them with meekness, and sow and make firm in the soil of their hearts the seed of confessing God, that they might grow from strength to strength. And unto all of us who stand before your holy icon, who kiss your relics with faith and fervently pray unto you, vouchsafe that we may attain the Heavenly Kingdom, there to glorify with never-silent voices the majestic name of the Most Holy Trinity, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, unto the ages of ages.

Amen.