

*I voice : O Mary, sustain our faith!*

Open our ears to the Word, so that we recognize the voice of God and his Call.

Awake in us the desire to follow in His footsteps on leaving the earth and on welcoming His promise. *refrain*

O Mary, help us to entrust ourselves totally to Him, to believe in His love, above all in moments of tribulations and trouble when our faith is called to maturity.

Sow in our faith the faith of The Risen Lord

Remind us that he who believes is never alone. *refrain*

Teach us to see with the eyes of Jesus, that he may be light to us on our path. And may this light of faith continue to grow in us until the Day without setting which is Christ Himself, your Son our Lord, arrives. *refrain*



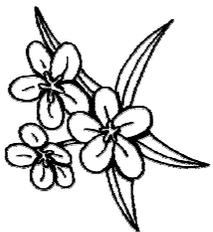
*You have chosen Jeanne Antide to make You known.*

During this month of October, we shall be celebrating on the 15 October 1800, the commitment of the first Sisters of Charity together with Jeanne Antide, in the small apartment in rue des Martelots, Besançon, for the churches at that time were still closed.

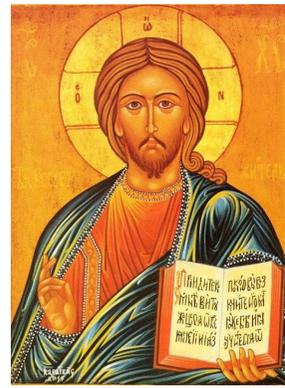
*“Strangers, isolated people, those without credit, unprotected, unknown to those who dominate and govern, I do not see in you if not Daughters with a good will and I do not praise in you if not the fidelity with which you have answered to the voice of Charity that has called you, and the desire that you have to do God’s Will! ...”*

The representative of the Church addressing the small group of sisters in prayer, accepts the answer they have given to Christ’s call and their commitment to the fidelity which characterizes every Christian yesterday and today. .

Together with Jeanne Antide, in the name of all our brothers and sisters in faith, let us pray the **Our Father**, very slowly... Let us pray it for the intentions of all those who are persecuted because of their faith and for those threatened in numerous countries.



**Thanksgiving Hymn**



**October 2013**  
**We believe in You, Jesus**  
**Our hope!**

“**By faith**, across the centuries, men and women of all ages, whose names are written in the Book of Life (cf. *Rev* 7:9, 13:8), have confessed the beauty of following the Lord Jesus wherever they were called to bear witness to the fact that they were Christian: in the family, in the workplace, in public life, in the exercise of the charisms and ministries to which they were called. By faith, we too live: by the living recognition of the Lord Jesus, present in our lives and in our history” The “door of faith” n° 13



**Hymn**

*Together:*

Blessed are You, God our Father ,

For the Voice that transmits your message,

For the fire that burns our hearts while listening to your Word.

Blessed are You for the Easter of Jesus and for the sharing of Bread.

Blessed are You for the Life which springs up from the looks that cross one another and from the gestures of solidarity.

Blessed are You for your Spirit that sows Light,

That assembles the Church, that opens the paths of justice, peace and liberty,

**You are close to those who implore you**

Psalms 144 (15-21) reminds us how our life could be fruitful and serene if we try to be kind and just, if we implore the Lord with a sincere and persevering heart.

Patience, all creatures look up to you  
to feed them throughout the year  
quick to satisfy every need,  
you feed them all with a generous hand.

Righteous in all that he does,  
Yahweh acts only out of love  
Standing close to all who invoke him,  
Close to all who invoke Yahweh, faithfully

Those who fear him need only to ask to be answered ;  
He hears their cries for help and saves them.  
Under his protection the pious are safe,  
But Yahweh is destruction to the wicked.

Yahweh's praise is always in my mouth  
And let every creature bless his holy name  
For ever and ever.



**From the first letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians, chapt.2**

" We have exhorted and encouraged you, we have begged you to have a conduct worthy of God, He who calls you to his Kingdom and to his Glory. And that is why we do not stop giving thanks to God. When you have heard from our own mouth the word of God, you have welcomed it for what it really is: not the word from a human being but the

Word of God who is at work in you, the believers"

*Moments of Silence*

**Cant. Ep.1, 3-10**

**Ant. Jesus Christ, the Word of God, is Light to our path.**

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.

Before the world was made, he chose us,  
chose us in Christ to be holy and spotless,  
and to live through love in his presence

determining that we should  
become his adopted sons,  
through Jesus Christ.

To make us praise the glory of his grace,  
his free gift to us in his beloved i  
in whom through his blood , we gain  
our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us  
in all wisdom and insight.  
He let us know the mystery of his purpose.  
The hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning

To act upon, when the times had run their course in the end:  
that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head  
of everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

**You gave us Mary, Mother of our faith**

From the Encyclical *Light of Faith* ( n° 59) : "Christ attracts us to Him to be able to save us (cf. *Jn* 12, 32). At the heart of our Faith, we confess Jesus, Son of God, born of a woman who introduces us, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, to be adopted sons."

Let us turn to Mary, Mother of the Church and Mother of our faith:

***refrain : O Mary, help us to say 'yes' to the Lord,  
every day of our life***