

From the Gospel of Joy n.187

“Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society; this demands that we be docile and attentive to the cry of the poor and to come to their aid”.

Therefore this mission isn't limited only to some individuals: « The Church, guided by the Gospel of mercy and by love for mankind, *hears the cry for justice and* intends to respond to it with all her might »... It thus implies both cooperation to resolve the structural causes of poverty and to promote the integral development of the poor, as well as the simple and daily gestures of solidarity in front of the strongly concrete miseries which we encounter”.

In our universal prayer, let's invoke Christ who became poor for us and present our trustful prayers :

Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us

- Oh Christ, friend of the poor, watch over those who are alone, the sick and those who lost their hope. **Ref.**

- Oh Christ, console those who cry, support all those who are innocently persecuted, the abandoned children, the fathers and mothers who have no more work.

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- Oh Christ, diffuse your Gospel in the countries and in the hearts of those who have not yet received your Word. **Ref.**

- Oh Christ, open widely the doors of your Church in order to welcome all men and women of every race. **Ref.**

With Mary, in trust

With Mary, who spent many years in intimacy with the mystery of her Son, let's advance trustfully on the paths of faith:

Ref. Mary full of grace, pray for us

With Pope Francis: Virgin and Mother Mary, moved by the Spirit, you welcomed the Word of life in the depth of your humble faith, while you entrusted yourself totally to the Eternal God, help us to utter our “yes” in this ever strongly urgent need to resound the Good News of Jesus Christ. **Ref.**

With Saint Jeanne-Antide: Grant me, oh most charitable of all Mothers... a strong faith, a tender and solid devotion, a holy attachment to all my duties, ... a tender and compassionate charity towards my neighbour, an ardent and generous love for your Son, so that after having served him faithfully on earth, I could praise him with you eternally in Heaven. **Amen. Ref.**

Benediction and song to Jeanne-Antide



14th January 2014

**On the paths
of the Gospel :
with Saint Jeanne-Antide**

*“I love you more than the
most tender mother,
now and for all eternity”*
from a letter of Jeanne-Antide

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit! Amen!

1 voice : All peoples bless the Lord, all countries bless the Lord.
Together: **Strong is his love for us, eternal is his love”**



Ref. Lodate omnes gentes, lodate Dominum, (x2)

It was in 1934, on the 14th January, 80 years ago, that Jeanne Antide was canonised by Pope Pius XI, when Mother Anne Lapiere, was superior general. On the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the Foundation of the Institute, Mother Aldegonda Gizzi obtained from Pope Pius XII, the authorisation to erect the Foundress' statue in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. On the 27th November 1949, the last empty niche was occupied by the statue of Saint Jeanne Antide Thouret, the so called «Filia Petri».



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From the circular of JA, of 1821: “Let us work, fight and suffer everything God may permit that is painful; let us refuse him nothing for love of Him and for our sanctification. The saints followed Him... There is no other road .”

Let's recall what Benedict XVI told us : “The Church doesn't grow with proselytism. It grows with attraction”. And what attracts, is witnessing. ... We lead to Jesus' encounter across our words and our life, by our witness ... Words come but first of all witnessing: may the people be able to see the Gospel and read the Gospel in our life .”

Let's thank the Lord for Jeanne Antide's witnessing, words and love which enable us to read the Gospel across her life

Song of praise to the Lord



Disciples of Jesus

JA in the circular of 2nd December 1821

« **God created us for His glory, destining us to to know Him, love Him, adore Him and serve Him solely to please him and for His glory alone.** »

From the Gospel of Joy n. 120 : “Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus; we no longer say that we are « disciples » and « missionaries », but that we are always « missionary disciples». If we are not convinced, let us look at those first disciples, who, immediately after encountering the gaze of Jesus, went forth to proclaim him joyfully: « We have found the Messiah!» (Jn 1, 41). The Samaritan woman became a missionary immediately after speaking with Jesus and many Samaritans come to believe in him « because of the woman’s testimony » (Jn 4, 39). So too, Saint Paul, after his encounter with Jesus Christ, « immediately proclaimed Jesus » (Acts 9, 20). So, what are we waiting for? “

Moments of silence

Song : *God’s Spirit is in my heart, He has called me and set me apart,
This is what I have to do, what I have to do.*

One seeks men and women for the world,
who prove capable of being born afresh daily in the Spirit.

One seeks men and women for the world,
who are not afraid to change.

One seeks men and women for the world,
who prove capable of living together with the others, to work together, to cry together, to laugh together.

One seeks men and women for the world,
who long for God and for history,
who long for the Church and for people
who long for the poverty of Jesus,
who long for the obedience of Jesus.

One seeks men and women for the world
who prove capable of dying for the world.
But still more capable to live for him;
men and women who prove capable of being God’s
prophecies.
Men and women who speak with their life.



Song : *God’s Spirit is in my heart, He has called me and set me apart,
This is what I have to do, what I have to do. (x2)*

Or any other hymn....

To hear the cry of the poor

*JA in 1813" ...The poor girls will be the object of our most careful attention;"
"our greatest happiness : will be to dry their tears and mitigate the moans of the poor. "*

The prayer of the Psalms make us encounter the Lord who hears the cry of the little ones and the poor.

Ps. 9A - Sing the praises of the Lord,
Proclaim among the nations what he has done.
**But God will never forget the needy,
The hope of the afflicted will never perish .**

Ps.9B You have seen the trouble and vexation,
You watch so as to take it in hand (v.14)
**Yahweh, you listen to the laments of the poor,
You give them courage, you grant them a hearing.** (v.17)

Ps.21 Of you is my praise in the thronged assembly,
I will perform my vows before all who fear him (v.26)
**The poor will eat and be filled,
Those who seek Yahweh will praise him.** (v.27)

Ps.32 We are waiting for Yahweh
He is our help and our shield (v.20)
**For in him our heart rejoices,
In his holy name we trust.** (v.21)

Ps. 33 Fix your gaze on Yahweh
And your face will grow bright. (v.6)
**A pauper calls out and Yahweh hears,
He saves him from all his trouble.** (v.7)

