

### *The Gospel of Joy n°288*

Virgin of listening and contemplation, Mother of love, Bride of the eternal wedding feast, pray for the Church, whose pure icon you are, that she may never be closed in on herself or lose her passion for establishing God's kingdom.

Star of the new evangelization, help us to bear radiant witness to communion, service, ardent and generous faith, justice and love of the poor, that the joy of the Gospel may reach to the ends of the earth, illuminating even the fringes of our world.

Mother of the living Gospel, wellspring of happiness for God's little ones, pray for us.

Amen. Alleluia!



### **Our Father**

### **Prayer for the extraordinary mission month October 2019**

Heavenly Father,

*When* your only begotten Son Jesus Christ rose from the dead, he commissioned his followers to "go and make disciples of all nations" and you remind us that through our Baptism we are made sharers in the mission of the Church.

*Empower* us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be courageous and zealous in bearing witness to the Gospel, so that the mission entrusted to the Church, which is still very far from completion, may find new and efficacious expressions that bring life and light to the world.

*Help us* make it possible for all peoples to experience the saving love and mercy of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

On the way towards  
the month extraordinary  
missionary - October 2019



PRAYER  
MAY 2019

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

Let us continue our prayer in communion with all the Sisters of Charity and the lay friends of Jeanne Antide all over the world by listening to the Word of God that makes us all missionary-disciples, and to the Apostolic Exhortation – Evangelii Gaudium – which invites us to spend all our life for the proclamation of the Gospel.

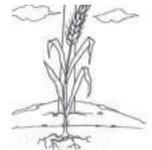
In this month of May we turn to Mary, "Mother of the living Gospel", who was the first one to take up the journey of faith, in her kindness may she receive our humble and grateful prayer.



Let us sing our faith in the Risen Christ!

### **All, disciples-missionaries**

"All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization" says Pope Francis With the Canticle written by Saint Paul in his letter to the Colossians, we thank the Lord with the whole Church for the gift of the Spirit received and shared.



Let us give thanks to the Father \*  
for having made you worthy  
to share the lot of the saints \*  
in light.

He rescued us \*  
from the power of darkness  
and brought us \*  
into the kingdom of his beloved Son.  
Through him we have redemption, \*  
the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, \*  
the first-born of all creatures.  
In him everything in heaven  
and on earth was created, \*  
things visible and invisible.

All were created through him; \*  
all were created for him.  
He is before all else that is. \*  
In him everything continues in being.

It is he who is head of the body,  
the church! \*  
he who is the beginning,  
the first-born of the dead, \*  
so that primacy may be his  
in everything.

It pleased God to make absolute  
fullness reside in him \*  
and, by means of him, to reconcile  
everything in his person,  
both on earth and in the heavens, \*  
making peace through  
the blood of his cross.

### ***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 rather 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!”

In this joyful Easter season, let us look at Mary Magdalene who in the Resurrection’s garden received from Jesus the task of bringing the news of the Resurrection to the disciples.

### ***Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John, Jn 20, 11-18***

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” “They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”). Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.



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### ***To announce the Gospel***

### ***The Gospel of Joy n°121***

In your heart you know that it is not the same to live without him; what you have come to realize, what has helped you to live and given you hope, is what you also need to communicate to others. Our falling short of perfection should be no excuse; on the contrary, mission is a constant stimulus not to remain mired in mediocrity but to continue growing.

Let us listen deep down in our heart to the words of some missionary-disciples who are close to us: Jeanne Antide, Agostina, Nemesia, Enrichetta ... with their lives they have given us hope.

*Refrain: We praise You, we bless You, and we thank You, o Lord!*

Saint Jeanne Antide wrote: «Also the Sisters of Charity have received the Spirit of God ... therefore, they can go all over the earth and also the sea. When God calls and we listen to Him, He gives all that is needed» *refrain*

Sr Agostina wrote: «I feel inflamed with charity towards everybody and ready to face any sacrifice, even to spread my blood for charity, if it is the will of God» *refrain*

Sr Nemesia wrote: «It is nice to be heroes, yet it is better to be good ... good to everyone, to those suffering and to those who make us suffer. Goodness towards the prisoners, goodness to all. Everybody suffers and we should share the suffering of all» *refrain*

Sr Enrichetta wrote: «Lord ... I carry in my own the hearts of all people: I offer them to you so that You may convert them and they may praise you ... How would I like to give a language and a heart to all creatures to this purpose ...» *refrain*

### ***With Mary, Mother of the Church***

### ***The Gospel of Joy n°284***

“With the Holy Spirit, Mary is always present in the midst of the people. She joined the disciples in praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:14) and thus made possible the missionary outburst which took place at Pentecost. She is the Mother of the Church which evangelizes, and without her we could never truly understand the spirit of the new evangelization.”