

Refrain: Mary our Mother, pray for us,
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* Mary, Mother of the Church, ask from God for vocations to priesthood and religious life, as well as for lay vocations, so that they all may be joyful and brave disciples at the service of the Church, and bring fruit in abundance. *refrain*

* Intercede for our Congregation, that we may get new vocations, with young women passionate for Jesus and for the poor, ready to offer their life to the end. *refrain*

* Our Lady, intercede so that, together with the lay Friends of Jeanne Antide, we may help develop the seeds of a new society, in which we may live in solidarity with all our brothers and sisters according to the Gospel. *refrain*

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.



Hymn to Mary

On the way towards
the month extraordinary
missionary - October 2019



PRAYER
JULY 2019

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



Let us sing our joy because we form part of the Church

The Gospel of Joy n°174

All evangelization is based on that word, listened to, meditated upon, lived, celebrated and witnessed to. The sacred Scriptures are the very source of evangelization. Consequently, we need to be constantly trained in hearing the word. The Church does not evangelize unless she constantly lets herself be evangelized. It is indispensable that the word of God “be ever more fully at the heart of every ecclesial activity”. [135] God’s word, listened to and celebrated, above all in the Eucharist, nourishes and inwardly strengthens Christians, enabling them to offer an authentic witness to the Gospel in daily life. .



Hymn

The Gospel of Joy n°267

In union with Jesus, we seek what he seeks and we love what he loves. In the end, what we are seeking is the glory of the Father; we live and act “for the praise of his glorious grace” (Eph 1:6). If we wish to commit ourselves fully and perseveringly, we need to leave behind every other motivation. This is our definitive, deepest and greatest motivation, the ultimate reason and meaning behind all we do: the glory of the Father which Jesus sought at every moment of his life. As the Son, he rejoices eternally to be “close to the Father’s heart” (Jn 1:18). If we are missionaries, it is primarily because Jesus told us that “by this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit” (Jn 15:8).

Psalm 144 reminds us that our life can be serene and fecund if we look for goodness and justice because the Lord is close to those who turn to him with a sincere heart.

Blessed be the LORD, my rock,
who trains my hands for battle,
my fingers for war;

My safeguard and my fortress,
my stronghold, my deliverer,
My shield, in whom I take refuge,
who subdues peoples under me.

LORD, what is man that you take notice of him;
the son of man, that you think of him?
Man is but a breath,
his days are like a passing shadow.



LORD, incline your heavens and come down;
touch the mountains and make them smoke.
Flash forth lightning and scatter my foes;
shoot your arrows and rout them.

Reach out your hand from on high;
deliver me from the many waters;
rescue me from the hands of foreign foes.

Their mouths speak untruth;
their right hands are raised in lying oaths.
O God, a new song I will sing to you;
on a ten-stringed lyre I will play for you.

You give victory to kings;
you delivered David your servant.
From the menacing sword.

My mouth will speak the praises of the LORD;
all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

The Gospel of Joy n°268

“Mission is at once a passion for Jesus and a passion for his people. When we stand before Jesus crucified, we see the depth of his love which exalts and sustains us, but at the same time, unless

we are blind, we begin to realize that Jesus’ gaze, burning with love, expands to embrace all his people. We realize once more that he wants to make use of us to draw closer to his beloved people. He takes us from the midst of his people and he sends us to his people; without this sense of belonging we cannot understand our deepest identity.”



Hymn

From the Gospel of St John (Jn 15, 1-8)

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that bears no fruit, he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.



If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples.”

The Gospel of Joy n°268

“The word of God also invites us to recognise that we are a people: “Once you were no people but now you are God’s people” (1 Pet 2:10). To be evangelizers of souls, we need to develop a spiritual taste for being close to people’s lives and to discover that this is itself a source of greater joy.”

Moment of silence

Virgin Mary humble servant of the Lord, truly your life was totally given to Jesus and to those he chose and sent. You are the disciple who brought and still brings a lot of fruit; we trust you and turn to you in prayer: