

**Guide 2 :** It is the Lord sent by the Father who, today, says to his Church, to each one of us as he said it to Jeanne Antida:

« Go ! ... Enter ! ....Say : *the Kingdom has come* ».

**At the end of this month of October, the month of the Rosary, a missionary month, we move forward with confidence, with Mary, like Mary:**



**Together: Virgin Mary, our Mother, you have welcomed, the Word of life in the depth of your humble faith: help us to utter our “yes” to the urgent call, as pressing as ever, to proclaim the Good News of Jesus.**

**Guide 1 :** Filled with Christ’s presence, you brought joy to John the Baptist , making him exult in his mother’s womb. Brimming over with joy, you sang the Lord’s wonders.

**Together: Standing at the foot of the Cross, with unyielding faith you received the joyful comfort of the resurrection; and joined the disciples while awaiting the Spirit so that the evangelising Church might be born.**

**Guide 2 :** Grant us now a new ardour born of the resurrection that we may bring to all the Gospel of life.

**Together: Virgin of listening and contemplation, pray for the Church, that she may never be closed in on herself, or lose her passion for establishing the Kingdom.**

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

(Evangelii Gaudium -Pope Francis - 2013 n°288)



## LET'S WALK TOGETHER

on the paths of the mission

Prayer of October 2022



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



*Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum, omnes gentes, alleluia (bis)*

**Guide 1 :** At the end of October, our prayer is filled with the breath of mission... It’s the mission that is at the centre of the project of our Congregation life, a mission with broad horizons to love and to serve Jesus Christ and the poor.

**Guide 2 :** At Besançon, after the death of Jeanne-Antide, an anonymous witness who knew her well, wrote some lines to pay tribute to her. He ended his message with the following words:

« *She used to say that she would cross the seas, that she would go to the end of the earth, if she knew that God wanted it to procure his glory* » LD p.177

**Guide 1:** Faith, trust in God opens the heart, widens the vision and renders capable to see with God’s eyes and to act with God’s heart.

**Guide 2:** The little peasant of Sancey, attached to her land, to her family and to her parish is ready for everything since the day she has decided to follow Jesus-Christ to do God’s will and serve the poor : « *she was ready for everything when it would be necessary to go to the ends of the earth* ». LD p.116-117



*Song to the Spirit*

**Guide 1:** Like Jeanne-Antide, we are called to be attentive to the signs of the times, she who was able to make synergy between the voice of God and the voice of the poor.

She could already say in that time, as she will write in her circular of 1812 from Naples: «*We have heard God's voice, the voice of the spirit of our vocation, the voice of our neighbour who is all over the earth, the voice of the poor who are all dear to us ...*»

**Guide 2:** Jeanne-Antide is convinced of the power of the Spirit and she doesn't fail to do her utmost to extend her Congregation and the mission in the footsteps of the apostles:

«*They had received God's Spirit. Yes, but even the sisters of charity receive him; they can go all over the earth and even on the sea* »

LD p.304-305



*Silence accompanied by music*

**Psalm 144** With the words of the psalmist, let's thank the Lord for the work accomplished by St. Jeanne-Antide, for her trust in the Lord of life, and with her let's bless Him because He is close to those who invoke him.

The Lord is faithful in all his works,  
And kind in all his works.  
The Lord upholds all who are falling  
And raises up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in du season.  
You open your hand,  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways  
and kind in all his works.  
The Lord is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfils the desire of those who fear him,  
He also hears their cry and saves them..  
Let all flesh bless his holy name,  
Forever and ever.

*From the Acts of the General Chapter 2021*

*We remain open to mission appeals: by cultivating a constant evangelical discerning attitude; consolidating the youngest establishments of the Congregation and keeping alive our missionary zeal..(p. 15)*



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**From the Gospel according to St. Luke 10,1-9**

Among the disciples, the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them: « The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves .. when you enter a house, first say, "Peace to this house" ... Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them: "The Kingdom of God has come near to you." »



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*From the Acts of the General Chapter 2021*

*Dwelling in the world we see the presence of the Reign of God in small things. We support simple initiatives that generate life and involve the poor in inclusive itineraries of «social friendship» and «fraternity consciously cultivated», so that they may «become artisans of their destiny».*  
*(page 15)*



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