

Alone, the poor, the sick and the children for God's love. Here lied the secret. May the Lord, through the joy of this solemnity, arouse the same spirit among us.»

Guide n. 2: Let us present our spontaneous intentions of prayer while answering to every invocation:

Lord, send us your Spirit, to renew the earth.

Guide n. 1: Let's turn to the Lord with the words that Jesus Christ taught us:

Our Father ...

Guide n. 2: O God, you have integrated us in Christ like branches in the vine, give us your Spirit, so that, while we love each other sincerely, we become the first fruits of a new humanity and bear fruit of holiness and peace. Through Christ, our Lord.


Guide n. 1: We now sing the Magnificat as a sign of thanksgiving for what St. Jeanne Antide has accomplished and left us in "heredity" for the good of the poor. Let us also give thanks to the Lord for the 90th anniversary of the foundation of Laos.

Guide n. 2: Let us conclude our prayer with the words of St. Jeanne Antide:

*«Courage, my very dear daughters!
Work generously in the Lord's vineyard, extend
it when He permits
that for His glory.
Be always united
in the holy peace of the Lord;
may neither the demon
nor the world ever divide you.
That is my prayer to God,
begging Him to pour on you continually
His abundant blessings.»*

(To the Sisters of Savoy, 6th June 1825)



 **Song:** *to St. Jeanne Antide*



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*Christ is the vine,
we are the branches.*



Prayer for the month of January 2024

Guide n. 1: In December, we celebrated the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who came to stir his Life in each one of us. And with the beginning of the new year, we have the possibility to glimpse the beautiful, significant and happy "form" of this Life in us: *holiness*. In fact, on **14 January**, we recall the canonisation of mother Thouret. May it be for us the occasion to renew the action of the Holy Spirit: Christ in us, Christ in me, Christ in everybody. Jesus became flesh in Mary's womb through the action of the Holy Spirit. May the same Spirit continue his work in each one of us, in the Church, in the nations and in the whole creation.

 **Song**

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

Guide n. 2: Spirit of communion, soul and support of the Church, grant that the richness of the charisms and ministries contribute to bring unity in the Body of Christ; grant also that consecrated persons and ordained ministers participate in the building of God's unique Kingdom.

All: Spirit of consolation, limitless source of joy and peace, create solidarity towards the needy, provide the necessary comfort to the sick, instil trust and hope in those who are undergoing trials, rekindle in everyone the commitment for a better future. *Amen.*

 **Alleluia (song)**

Reader: From the Gospel according to John (15, 1 - 8)

«I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes



so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me, you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.»

Guide n. 1: Moment of personal meditative silence.

Christ is the vine, I am the branch. He and I are the same plant, the same life, same root and same lymph. A passionate newness.

We are the extension of that trunk, we are made of the same matter, like a brazier's sparks, like drops of the ocean and like breath in the air. Jesus-vine continuously pushes the lymph towards the last branch, towards the last bud, whether I am asleep or awake. It doesn't depend on me but on Him. But my life depends on that lymph. My Father is the gardener: A farmer God, who keeps himself busy around me; he does not hold the sceptre, but the hoe, he does not sit on the throne but on the small wall of his vineyard. To contemplate me. With his beautiful and hopeful eyes.

We, Sisters of Charity, are part of the "vineyard" which St. Jeanne Antide built with great effort. Nevertheless, it grew bigger and gave fruits of charity.

Guide n. 2: Let us pray Ps. 33 (in alternate choirs)

I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and be glad.

Oh, magnify the LORD with me, *
and let us exalt his name together!
I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me from all my fears.



Those who look to him are radiant, *
and their faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him *
and saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the LORD encamps *
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! *
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, *
for those who fear him have no lack!

The young lions suffer want and hunger; *
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Come, O children, listen to me; *
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
What man is there who desires life *
and loves many days, that he may see good?

Keep your tongue from evil *
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn away from evil and do good; *
seek peace and pursue it

Glory to the Father...

Guide n. 1: Let us pray together...

Lord, you who call each one to a new life, may the joy of Your Gospel be the lymph that flows in us, your family. Grant that all the peoples know God's gift, the endless joy, the life that never ends: Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Memorial of the canonisation for our days



In December 1933, the Mother General of that time, sr. Anna Lapiere, helped the sisters of her time to recognise the spiritual life of the new Saint: «*The civil authorities, who turned to the good Mother to embark on ventures which nobody was capable to accomplish, admired her wonderful talents. However, they failed to understand her still greater gifts, namely her humility, her full trust in God, her incessant prayer, her honest soul that sought God*

