



Let us live as brothers!

Prayers in our homes for Lent and Ester time

Together for the prayer

This simple aid wants to gather the families of our parishes in a common course of prayer to carry out, in spite of distance, a profound communion in the diocese.

It is a tool for families, perhaps preferably in the evening, before or after dinner, to enable the meeting of all members of the family.

The daily liturgy of the Word of God is the heart of the meeting. Hence the invitation to put the book of the Word of God in a special place in the house where it will remain throughout the day and used it to proclaim the proposed excerpt of the Scripture every day. The lighting of a candle during a prayer signifies the live and luminous presence of the Word.

A simple theme is proposed every day often refers to the experience of missionaries. In the prayer "Our Father" and the final prayers are gathered the reason for prayer and daily commitment.

Even the act of charity on a daily or weekly basis can be placed with in this context, taking advantage of the proposal of "Rosina Sportina". A nice initiative to also involve children.

To learn more enter the site: www.cmdbergamo.org.



The word of the Bishop

With this booklet in my hands I sit at your table, seeking hospitality so as to encourage myself in the faith and to share this great gift. Thank you for your welcome!

Even this Lent I would like to come and pray with you. I know these are not easy times There are houses marked by intense suffering linked to precarious work situations, to difficulties in relationships and even by physical fragility. I do not even hide the difficulty of having to find the time. I would only like you to know that the Bishop prays with you and for you, that I consider this a privileged time and that really in prayer I am listening to your life and your faith.

Lent is a stretch of road that needs to be lived fully so as to taste the Easter of Jesus. Even the disciples found it difficult; they had in mind a different story, they believed in a triumph end, ready to be awarded honors and merit medals.

It will be while working on our conversion, that step by step we shall arrive trembling at the tomb, exactly as the women early on Easter morning, troubled by questions but desiring to see the Lord. The discovery of an empty tomb and the impact with the immense silence will make us perceive the Mystery. It will make us see God. The questions will remain in the heart, the difficulties will still be experienced, it will not be easier than before but we shall have shared fraternal space, space of communion and faith.

We shall feel that we are not alone in facing everything; we shall have the strength which comes from sharing.

In prayer with your family we shall reflect the Church that lives in the world, we shall feel the maturing of the missionary commitment and we shall be truly able to exercise sincere love.

For you and for me: best wishes for a happy faith journey!

+ Francesco, vescovo



Together in prayer

Hurry is the sickness of our time and it condemns us to moments of loneliness and encounters reduced to minimal terms. There is no time but fundamental moments of life require time. The sacrifices we impose on ourselves are really many and the occasions we miss are multiplied.

The Lenten season is precious. It is to be taken urgently as opportunity to re-design the space for looking at relationships with ourselves, with the others and with God.

As much as it might seem to be un-useful Lenten season is a point of reference in the life of Christians. Always seen as penitential season it invites us to give space to works of faith: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. There is a lot of doing what one feels like in a society of wealth, but there are also times of economic crisis which could become times of re-discovering what is really essential, the sobriety of sharing as formative path for everyone, for the families and the parish communities.

These three dimensions of the life of faith together with daily living, with its complexity and dynamics are an invitation to welcome positively the Lenten journey proposals. The family context becomes extremely significant as a place of sharing affection, worries, a place of faith and prayer; a place of formation and witness.

This prayer-help entrusted to individuals and families seeks to be an instrument to help stimulate that dialogue with God and the others which goes to favor personal growth and to re-discover grace time able to strengthen concrete choices and ways of being present.

Prayer in family which gives a possibility to all to participate is a sign of profound sharing. It is witness offered, in the usual context of the house, in the full respect of the faith journey of each one aware of mutual responsibility, involving the grown-up and the young along the formation journey towards the good life that the Gospel offers.

To create in one's house in this significant place, some space for the Word of God is already a sign of presence. It will be this Word to give rhythm to steps towards Easter, to offer attitudes and moments through which to look into life and evaluate it in authenticity and freedom, moving towards sober or at least



simple choices. It is surely a difficult endeavor which can risk being over-simplified or taken for granted by those who might simplify everything on the basis of their own measures. However the need for a positive response to the true meaning of life and our origin and destiny and the realization that we carry a great and precious gift of faith will make a difference.

Listening to the Word of God along the journey towards Easter becomes truly a school of fraternity where feast and work appear as time spent by Jesus in profound communion with the mystery of the Father.

It is thus that justice, generosity, benevolence, freedom, service and thus even the total gift of oneself become not just words full of humanity but assume the strength of witnessing and translate into missionary commitment.

Missionary call I discovered by the world we belong to and where we are called to live in as Christians. We are not talking about establishing geographical boundaries or leaving for distant places. The journey that has to be made is that of following the way of Jesus. The mission consists in truly following Him and the roads and those of every day. The space offered in these pages for names, stories, and experiences of some Bergamo missionaries is meant to help discover the missionary vocation which belongs to every Christian. These pages can be enriched by other testimonies, those found in one's own family, in the estate and in both civil and religious community. There is space to voice the experience of the person offering service to the poor, the sick, in the education of the youth, in any form of missionary animation which spreads through commitment 'ad gentes' even to coherent participation in the stewardship and administration of public good in both political and economic contexts. There is space for sharing life experiences that we consider valuable and encounters of relation and meeting, collaboration and trust. All this together with the place of celebration which makes the community of believers Church in action at Sunday Eucharist celebration become a help leading to an Easter capable of moving us beyond ourselves, beyond our resistance and fears to see with our eyes and to touch with our hands the beauty of the Christian experience.

It is our prayer that we may welcome and live faithfully this season, even in the effort required by a time so long as that of the Lenten season. It will lead us to taste the heart of our faith: Christ Jesus, the Risen One.



Together in solidarity



In October 1962, while under the dome roof of the Basilica of Saint Peter in Rome Council Fathers were moving the first steps of Vatican Council II singing 'Veni Creator' at the port of Genoa two diocesan priests of Bergamo were aboard the ship named Bolivia to sail abroad. They were a concrete response to a sister church which had been asking for help and sharing.

Fifty years have passed and history has written new pages full of enthusiasm and missionary passion, which add to the pages already made for quite some time by priests, religious, consecrated and lay persons of our church.

After Bolivia it was time for Ivory Coast and the Cuba together with services generously rendered in other countries. Today more than eighty diocesan priests have had missionary experience. Others exercise their ministry in other dioceses and in Europe serving immigrants. This is a precious and unique heritage.

The commitment has grown even in the realization of structures and works to serve these communities. The list includes the hospital dedicated to the Blessed Pope John XXIII, the different health centers, the churches and parish structures, the schools, the feeding centers and also many little assistances to the families, to institutes and different realities with a particular commitment to the poor and the sick; it is nearly impossible to explain all this generosity which adds to that ordinary commitment which even today accompanies the missionaries in the diocesan missions with affection, participation and sensibility. Over the years Lenten Season has become the precious occasion to present the works of the diocesan mission, to sustain these works and to offer them a concrete future possibility.

Here is the invitation to everyone, to the parish communities to offer their contribution even this Lent.

The commitment for missionary cooperation more and more acquires an awareness of a more open sharing which involves even in our territory, a reality which involves us to translate the proclamation of the Gospel in concrete acts of charity. That is why in this Lent The Diocesan Missionary Centre, Caritas and Secretariat of Immigrants are promoting common projects identifying sustenance and remedy to similar situations of poverty and precariousness among the immigrants and in the diocesan missions.

In the website www.cmdbergamo.org it is possible to identify specific projects and modalities to support and different initiatives taking place at the same time in the areas indicated.

Among the many proposals there is an invitation for every family to host "Rosina la sportiva", the one collecting the offerings. This will be possible by contacting the Diocesan Missionary Centre.

The paintings of Carlo Ceresa

The diocesan Lenten and Easter itinerary uses the iconography of a review of the 17th century painter whose many masterpieces are preserved in our churches: Carlo Ceresa. In particular the theme "Living as brothers" is given to the representations of some saints who have made visible fraternal life incarnating it in their own time and in their lives. The choice of this artist is in conjunction with the exhibition organized by the Diocesan Museum A. Bernareggi "Carlo Ceresa, a Lombard painter of the seventeenth century between reality and devotion," a unique opportunity to discover the treasures of our land, treasures that bear witness to the faith in the Lord Jesus speaking to the heart of everyone.



....THAT BROTHERS MAY LIVE TOGETHER!

LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF S. PAUL
TO THE CORINTHIANS

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him. Working together, a then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says: "In an acceptable time I heard you, and on the day of Salvation I helped you. (5, 20b.6,1.2b)

LET US REFLECT

A favorable time, an interesting proposal: Let yourself be found. And it can be a good moment. It is an encounter that cannot be forgotten. A time to spend together is the moment of prayer. An old missionary once said: " Today I cannot do anymore many activities, but my mission continues. In prayer and encountering God, I encounter many

people."And this appointment is important and should not be missed, even it entails hardship and will continue to go on for long time, otherwise what will be the meaning of Lent? Have a Holy Lenten Season.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

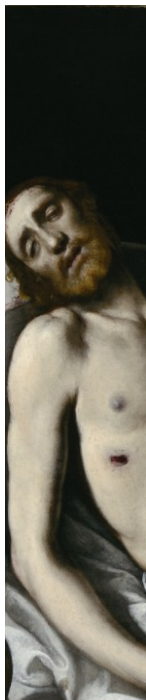
LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Help us to share our Faith to others

During these days of prayer...
When we feel that we are alone ...
When we lack dedication to our mission...
May we always live the joy that comes from You.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

HOW JOYFUL AND BEAUTIFUL IT IS.
TO LIVE AS BROTHERS.



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LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

I call heaven and earth today to witness against you: I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the LORD, your God, obeying his voice, and holding fast to him. For that will mean life for you, a long life for you to live on the land which the LORD swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give to them. (30, 19-20)

LET US REFLECT

Choosing life is very demanding: it measures us, and involves us. "When you feel upon your shoulder the sufferings of the poor" – written by Fr. Luigi – The value of life is still more intense. It is not important anymore where, because the drama of poverty doesn't know limitations, it gathers many victims. What is important is your responsibility, your willingness to do

everything in choosing the way for life. Now, the poor becomes somebody who questions you and, most of all, involves you." Fr. Luigi now lives with God but his mission continues. A true relationship with life is that which we are searching in these days of Lent allowing us to be provoked by poverty.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Help us to share our Faith to others

In every story of everyday life...
When we abandoned ourselves to loneliness ...
If we do not want to commit...
And we will be able to give testimony to the Gospel.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

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LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROFET ISAIAH
Is this not, rather, the fast that I choose:
releasing those bound unjustly, untying the
thongs of the yoke; Setting free the oppressed,
breaking off every yoke? Is it not sharing your
bread with the hungry, bringing the afflicted
and the homeless into your house; Clothing the
naked when you see them, and not turning
your back on your own flesh?
(58, 6-7)

LET US REFLECT

*Riccardo, a lay married person with children,
dedicated his life to the mission in Bolivia.
From many years his commitment evolves in
that difficult situation which is measured by
violence which involves the minors. The prison
was transformed for these minors and youth
into a school, for this it is important to choose a
way in order ransom them help them to be*

*inserted again in the society, it is a process of
liberation from the past experience in order to
take control once again their life and to be
opened again for a future. It is journey that we
can also take so that we can be also free from
superficiality and it can teach us to more
charitable.*

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Help us to share our Faith to others

In every difficulty of our daily life...
When we prepare to close ourselves in our own
small world...
if we refuse commitment...
And You take us by hand where ever we are.
Amen.

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LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the customs post. He said to him, "Follow me." And leaving everything behind, he got up and followed him.
(5,27-28)

LET US REFLECT

Living in Central Africa was the most difficult moment in the life of Sister Rosaria. The cruelty of the war presented itself to impose a question on her fidelity to her chosen vocation which forced her to hide herself in the forest together with her Christian community. The decision to remain with them even in the moment of danger did not mean only gain the

love and respect of the people for her, but also confirmed in herself her total dedication to the Lord. It is not only a gesture of courage, but most of all of faith, which to us, lazy Christians we put many questions. Courage...

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Help us to share our Faith to others

In searching your Will...
When it is difficult for us to leave...
If we want to escape from our responsibilities...
And we will experience your help.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

HOW JOYFUL AND BEAUTIFUL IT IS.
TO LIVE AS BROTHERS.



The feast: a time to contemplate beauty

CONVERT ONESELF TO A NEW LIFE



The first brother that we shall meet among the works of Carlo Ceresa is St. Augustine. His story (and his holiness) moves around his conversion already at his adult age. Augustine, man of north Africa (was born at Tagaste in Numidia, now Algeria) reached Milan and there met, a man that is able to move his heart, giving witness to fraternal life in Christ: Saint Ambrose. Augustine discovers the faith in Jesus and chooses to found and live in a community of monks, brothers in Christ, where one dedicates himself to study and to preaching. Only after he pursues to be a priest and then bishop of Hippo where he will consecrate until the end of his pastoral actions. The picture of Ceresa represents to us St. Augustine clothed as a monk (still the same clothes worn today by the Augustinians) receives a miter from an angel: the role of a pastor in the Church is a gift and at the same time a responsibility; the role of the elder brother among his brothers. At the left corner a child has on hand a spoon facing the infinite sea to an Augustine with the book of a Bible open. The child wants to empty the sea and to St. Augustine objects the impossibility to do it, he answers that it is more easy to explain the mystery of the Trinity. St. Augustine is a Doctor of the Church, a wise theologian, but it is the mystery that is to be contemplated and tasted more, as told in his book *The Confessions*: "Late have I loved you, oh beauty, at the same time so old and so new, late have I loved you. And here you are inside of me and I was out there, where I search for you... I have tasted you and now I hunger and thirst for you. You have touched me and now burning with the desire to attain your peace".

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LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

At once the Spirit drove him out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. The Mystery of Jesus After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (1,12-15)

LET US REFLECT

The desert is dangerous for life: loneliness, difficulty, dangers. And usually, around us we create a true desert. Rev. Andrea, like many other missionaries around the world, taking care of his Christian community in Bolivia, had declared war to any form of loneliness and egoism. Creating the community, sharing to others what one has, journeying together,

celebrating the faith, is the true sense of the Gospel which we must announce and, most of all to live. The missionary parish is the fruit of the missionary family.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Remain always with us, Lord

In the gifts of the community...
If we forget our brothers...
To realize the world of brothers...
And the reign of God will be realized in our midst.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

THE LORD BLESS US.
AND GIVE US ETERNAL LIFE.



LET US HELP EACH OTHER

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LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS

The LORD said to Moses: Speak to the whole
Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for
I, the LORD your God, am holy.
(19, 1-2)

LET US REFLECT

*Monsignor Servilio is now an old bishop in
"retirement", but was not able to renounce his
mission in Brazil. It is already part of his life
forever.*

*His time is dedicated to prayers and listening,
and in this way he continues to offer his service
to the Church, and most of all to the poor. This
same desire animates his whole life:
announcing the Gospel for the good of man,
so that man can discover that he is called to*

*the "Things of God". Holiness is a proposal
which passes through testimony and he is a
sign, by his life, and by his ministry which we
continue to offer.*

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Remain always with us, Lord

When we want to renounce...
When we think only for ourselves...
In the difficulty of encountering each other...
And we will manifest your presence.
Amen.

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LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
MATTHEW

If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions.
(6, 14-15)

LET US REFLECT

"There is always a need for a great heart where God Lives, otherwise restart his journey": Sister Mary was able to live in Mozambique during the years of war and now continue her service to the children affected by AIDS and tuberculosis in her small hospital. When trying to write a story affected by the civil war, it is inevitable to find the way of forgiveness, otherwise it will only give space for vindication and other violence The forgiveness is the force

of every believers, even it will cost much. The forgiveness which ask us trace the sentiment of reconciliation among our family.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Remain always with us, Lord

When we are not able to forgive...
When we desire to vindicate...
In the hardship to desire always what is good...
And we will proclaim that you want for us a world of peace.
Amen.

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a place of encounter and solidarity most with those who are in difficulty, with those who feel being emarginated and abandoned alone. A way we have to take guided by the Gospel.

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE BOOK OF JONAH

The people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth. When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes
(3, 5-6)

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Remain always with us, Lord

To help us live a good life...
When we show our concern in the poverty of our brothers...
When temptation of unconcern comes...
And we will have in our hearts your dream of life.
Amen.

LET US REFLECT

"I have discovered the richness of poverty" says Rev. Fr. Massimo during the conclusion of his ministry in Bolivia. There is no poem also because the poor live in a dramatic story which usually violent. This can be a provocation where we can gain something, to learn how we can value with intelligence what we are and we have. It is the way to discover through sharing

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LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
MATTHEW

If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him. "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you. This is the law and the prophets.(7, 11-12)

LET US REFLECT

Sister Vittoria went to Bolivia in 1964. She tried her best to live the golden rule of the Gospel which is incarnated in charity towards others as a concrete manifestation of one's love for God. Untiring and generous she went through the street of La Paz with passion and absolute dedication. A smile, a gesture of hand to help, a small moment to listen, some small

amount to alleviate hunger and then always in a hurry to go to the chapel to tell the Lord the wonderful things of charity. A mission that is also entrusted to us to live, in every place and in everyday of our life.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Remain always with us, Lord

When we walk on the street...
In using the things of this world...
When we don't value the things that we have...
And we will learn how to sow everywhere what is good and what is peaceful.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

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FIRST FRIDAY OF LENT

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LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
MATTHEW

Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

(5,23-24)

LET US REFLECT

To remember means to "take always in heart". It is a beautiful gesture that can be expressed with the hands, but one can live with that heart when he opens himself to others and favors an encounter even in the midst of the difficulty of incomprehension and diversity. A gift which needs communion and the communion can be built with small gestures of charity. In the Family, in the parish, in every place we live our story we can be an instrument and guardian

of communion to enrich our society and make it a better world. It is a task which entails responsibility. Talking among us what is good entails sowing what is good.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Remain always with us, Lord

For teaching us to forgive...
When it is very to create encounter among us...
In our desire to renew the earth...
And we will learn to share even the small joy of each other.
Amen.

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FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
MATTHEW

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you,⁴⁵ that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. (5,43-45)

LET US REFLECT

There are conflicts in the world, and they are many. Those which create news usually have an economic and political reason, but those war in silence take more victim, and they seem less important. From Darfur as from Somalia arrive in us the mourning of those who suffer, a voice suffocated by hunger and oppressed by unconcern of others. The Christians what are

they doing? To the violence one must respond with prayers, for those who are mature in faith, thanks, a free and generous love. The prayer fills the heart and changes one's life.

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OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Remain always with us, Lord

For encountering others...
In the weakness of showing love...
When we don't bring peace...
And we will feel growing in us the mystery of your love.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

THE LORD BLESS US.
AND GIVE US ETERNAL LIFE.



The feast: a time to contemplate beauty

TO CONTEMPLATE IN FREEDOM



Here is another brother that will accompany us in this lent. St. Anthony of Padua: a saint very much venerated, but less known. St. Anthony was born in Portugal with the name Fernando he entered in the Order of the Augustinians, but his priestly life was not satisfied and discovered in time a new style of fraternal life: that of the Franciscans brothers or friars newly found by Saint Francis in Italy. The Saint asks to enter in the new order and set out in Italy where he preached the Christian faith till his death, at only 36 years old. In Carlo Ceresa we will find some elements that tells us not only of his life, but also the faith of St. Anthony which we see at the center of the sack cloth, a sign that the Franciscan friars are a mendicant Order and they choose poverty as a way to share to live as brothers according to the Gospel. Anthony embraces a Child: it's Jesus, the object of his adorable gaze and his devotion are expressed in an elegant bow. Jesus stands on an open book: the encounter with the Brother is brought to light through meditation and from the wisdom of the Word. Each one of us is invited to climb on Tabor of the Transfiguration towards the knowledge of the Bible and through prayer. Their embrace is brotherly, free, able to testify to us love and submission: there is no love without freedom. The sweetness and mercy of God in Jesus guides our freedom to the greater Love. The angels surround two great leaders: one placed the crown of holiness flourished in Anthony, other two guarding the divine light that passes through the clouds, another one holding a lily sign of purity and chastity. At the end, the last one, at the left corner holds a picture that represent the church of Gorlago in which the painting is kept: sign of devotion of the place of the Portuguese saint.

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LET US LOOK AT EACH OTHER EYE TO EYE

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FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant. (9, 9-10)

LET US REFLECT

Sometimes we cannot do much, but it's important to be here": Father Johnny tells his missionary vocation in Ivory Coast. In the last months, the civil war has torn the place leaving it with a track of violence and victims. Today robbery is taking advantage on the number of arms present in the population, surely is one of the most dangerous threats. It's hard to think of peace, as to satisfy certain equilibrium.

A presence that is able to trust, to invite to start again, to tighten friendship and to build the missionary task of the community. The announcement of the Gospel transforms life: an occasion also for us.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Enlighten us with your presence, Lord

Every day...

In every place...

With all strength...

And we leave to bring to heart the needs of each man who suffer.

Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

BLESSINGS FROM THE LORD.

JUSTICE FROM GOD OUR SALVATION.



LET US LOOK AT EACH OTHER EYE TO EYE

LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

Be merciful, just as [also] your Father is merciful. "Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you. (6, 36-38)

LET US REFLECT

To travel dug and narrow roads to reach the village is common in Ivory Coast. There is no light and no water to take from the well. The community assemble in a small church and Father Max begins to tell the Gospel. The catechumens in the first row, for them it's the first announcement. An announcement that opens new horizons of life. An encounter that

has the force to mark out life forever. An experience of mercy that is able to dialogue with each ones' story. The proposal of the Gospel is merciful announcement. If our home is clothed with mercy, it becomes also an announcement of life.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Enlighten us with your presence, Lord

To those who are lonely and hopeless...
In our willingness of each day...
In our difficulty of not to judge...
And we will write pages of mercy.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

BLESSINGS FROM THE LORD.
JUSTICE FROM GOD OUR SALVATION.



LET US LOOK AT EACH OTHER EYE TO EYE

LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
MATTHEW

Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Messiah. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted. (5,20b.6,1.2b)

LET US REFLECT

A large number of boys attacked the school hall. Like every day Patricia, a lay missionary in Bolivia, welcomes them and spend the afternoon trying to make up for some in their scholastic journey and above all, to avoid the bad school of the street. Each child is a richness and to take care of him brings forth the best of himself. God does this to each one

of us. He is the teacher of our life. May be a little of post-school also for us is not too much!

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Enlighten us with your presence, Lord

In school and at work...
When we don't want to be committed...
In the family and among friends...
And we will discover that you are our Teacher.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

BLESSINGS FROM THE LORD.
JUSTICE FROM GOD OUR SALVATION.



LET US LOOK AT EACH OTHER EYE TO EYE

LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
MATTHEW

Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve [disciples] aside by themselves, and said to them on the way, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and scourged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day." (20, 17-19)

LET US REFLECT

Also today the way of the cross is a reality for many. In the announcement of the Gospel the Christian community becomes neighbor to those who live in sorrow and gathers the tears and sufferings. This is how Sister Elisabeth lives her mission in Ivory Coast. The dispensary, the rooms of the hospital, the house of spirituality, become places of

encounter to plant in charity in a piece of hope and trust in that future that seems always threatened and fragile. Sharing the cross is for each one of us is a precious moment of mission.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Enlighten us with your presence, Lord

In our daily life...
When difficulties are insuperable...
To stay near to those who suffer...
And we shall become companions in the journey
for those who are alone and abandoned.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

BLESSINGS FROM THE LORD.
JUSTICE FROM GOD OUR SALVATION.



LET US LOOK AT EACH OTHER EYE TO EYE

LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET
JEREMIAH

Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the man who trusts in human beings, who makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a barren bush in the wasteland that enjoys no change of season, but stands in lava beds in the wilderness, a land, salty and uninhabited. (17, 5-6)

LET US REFLECT

It's not a desert, but surely out of this world. Sister Josie lives from years Potosì in service for the campesine community for the promotion of women and instructions for the small ones. "My people, thus proven by the environment and by poverty, needs to rediscover more trust in themselves, , for the present and for the future". It 's in this that

assures the commitment of each day to a continuous conquest of liberty nurtured by the force of the Gospel. It's this charity that makes the desert flourish.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

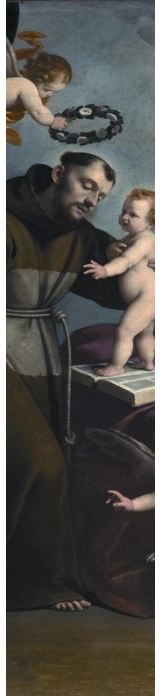
LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Enlighten us with your presence, Lord

When we insist to have always the reason...
In the difficulty of friendship...
When trust becomes less...
And we will live together in freedom and in peace.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

BLESSINGS FROM THE LORD.
JUSTICE FROM GOD OUR SALVATION.



LET US LOOK AT EACH OTHER EYE TO EYE

LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
MATTHEW

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes'? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit. (21, 42-43)

LET US REFLECT

There's a mission that can be brought by all: the everyday of faith. Exactly the same in our homes, it's possible to write an intense evangelical pages. Above all, a courageous choice in the difficult times that we are living. The economy that gets mad, puts into risk the serenity of the whole family, fails the possibility of future occupations and harass those who

who are very weak. The room for free services always become very precious and urgent. A possible commitment for all those in our community.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Enlighten us with your presence, Lord

To help us live the mission...
When we are called to charity...
In the daily encounter with persons...
And we will discover that you always thought of us
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

BLESSINGS FROM THE LORD.
JUSTICE FROM GOD OUR SALVATION.



LET US LOOK AT EACH OTHER EYE TO EYE

LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

So to them he addressed this parable. "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep. (15, 3-6)

LET US REFLECT

A great heart is that one of Father Luigi, after almost twenty years of ministry in Bolivia, from 1999 is committed in the mission of the diocese of Cuba. A populous rural community that each day, is called to do the account on the necessary needs The food, medicine, a place to meet, the possible way to know the Lord, are activities that take part in that response of the

missionary to live his daily research of humanity. A precious service for the good of the poor, a good that involve us. Contagious!

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Enlighten us with your presence, Lord

To continue to search those who are lost...
For the purpose of the good...
When we are called to commit ourselves...
And we will know to respond to provocations of evil with faith.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

BLESSINGS FROM THE LORD.
JUSTICE FROM GOD OUR SALVATION.



The feast: a time to contemplate beauty

SHARE THE FAITH



In the third week of Lent we meet one of the first brothers of Jesus: the apostle Bartholomew, in the gospels he is also called Nathaniel. Bartholomew is the friend of Philip, it is through this last witness ("Come and see" John 1, 46) that he becomes an apostle, and a brother of our Lord. Bartholomew, after his initial mistrust, chooses to follow Jesus and his adhesion was so much as being mentioned in the gospel of John as one of the first confessions of faith: "Master, you are the Son of God, you are the King of Israel!" (John 1, 49). The life of the apostle is characterized by the indications that the Lord himself has given to his brothers: " You received this as a gift, so give it as a gift. Do not carry any gold, silver or copper in your purses. Do not carry a traveler's bag, or an extra shirt, or sandals, or a walking stick: workers deserve their living" (Mt 10, 8-10). The life of the apostles is a life of brotherhood that is born in sharing and from the renunciation of having too much. While the merchants at the temple are exactly the contrary of the brothers: They steal and market what is treasure in their hearts. They turned the house of the Father (the house of the brothers) a place to buy and sell and not of sharing. In the picture of Ceresa St. Bartholomew is old: he has lived the Paschal of Jesus and awaits for the last looking at the light that rends the clouds. An angel holds a knife leaning his hand on a book: the first sign of the violent death of the saint (traditions say that he was skinned alive), then the second sign is his wisdom (the expression " stay under the fig tree" means "study the Scriptures". At the left corner is the image of the martyrdom, the last act of witnessing the faith in the Lord.

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LET US MAKE A COVENANT

LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE FIRSTH LETTER OF S. PAUL TO
THE CORINTHIANS

But I call upon God as witness, on my life, that it is to spare you that I have not yet gone to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; rather, we work together for your joy, for you stand firm in the faith. (1, 23-24)

LET US REFLECT

Father and mother, Elisa and Daniel, chose to dedicate a few years of their lives to missionary work with their children. They are in Cochabamba, Bolivia, engaged in the service of the parish pastoral work and socio-physical poverty. This experience was decided in the awareness of the gift of the vocation of marriage: collaborators in the joy of proclaiming the Gospel and making every life experience precious. The family is called to this great

educational task, anywhere and with the same intensity, the place to educate towards faith and life, to "bear "witness to the mystery of God to the younger generations.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Increase our faith, Lord

In the testimony of the Gospel ...
Wherever you call us throughout the day ...
To bring life and hope ...
And in the effort to be credible, remain with us.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

BLESSED IS HE WHO FEARS THE LORD.
AND WALK IN HIS WAYS.



LET US MAKE A COVENANT

LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**



LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

In truth tell you this, Jesus added, prophets are never welcomed in their hometown. Listen to me: it is true that there were many widows in Israel during the time of Elijah, when there was no rain for three and a half years and a severe famine spread throughout the whole land. Yet Elijah was not sent to anyone in Israel, but only to a widow living in Zarephath in the territory of Sidon. (4, 24-26)

LET US REFLECT

Sometimes it is even difficult to do right, even those around you understand! The grace of God is not stingy in seeking roads leading to humans and encourage to each of us to gave a space and a good time. That which we called charity is not resolved by giving a few cents, but it needs to invest the whole of our life, it demands full availability. And the parish cannot

live without expressing his concern for the poor and the marginalized, cannot be satisfied with only the rites and incense, but must go out to the streets to help the neighborhood, so that the providence of God will be realized.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Increase our faith, Lord

Through all that you gave to us ...
In our work that we may able to recognize you in those around us ...
In our desire to do for the good of everyone ...
And so that we will become your witnesses to the ends of the world.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

**BLESSED IS HE WHO FEARS THE LORD.
AND WALK IN HIS WAYS.**

LET US MAKE A COVENANT

LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE BOOK OF PROPHET DANIEL

Azariah stood up and made this prayer in the midst of the fire and opening his mouth said: "Now we put our whole heart, we fear you and seek your face. Do with us according to your clemency, treat us according to your kindness, according to the greatness of Thy mercy. Save us with your wonders, by 'glory, Lord, to Thy name. " (3, 25.41-42)

LET US REFLECT

The short story of each is a unique love story and of predilection. Sister Gianfranca lived for years in Bangladesh to the Buddhist majority and from there, she had experience of contemplation in the wonders of God. The God who is the bearer of love everywhere. Her total dedication to these people, women and children becomes a sign and, above all, it gives a reason to live a way of life and sacrifice.

Love's prevails and give the conviction of being custodians of a proclamation of liberation and peace through the gift of herself. And it becomes also a challenge and a calling for us all.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Increase our faith, Lord

In tenderness and love ...
So that no one feels alone ...
If we find it hard to follow ...
And so that the world will return to the splendor of creation.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

BLESSED IS HE WHO FEARS THE LORD.
AND WALK IN HIS WAYS.



LET US MAKE A COVENANT

LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

*walk through the streets announcing
persistently about the importance of Charity.
Now we must do our part. Have we sense it?*

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

Then Moses said to the people, "Obey all the laws that I am teaching you, and you will live and occupy the land which the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. Be on your guard! Make certain that you do not forget, as long as you live, what you have seen with your own eyes. Tell your children and your grandchildren. (4,1.9-9)

LET US REFLECT

Faith is a gift that is communicated from generation to generation. It is a treasure and responsibility to be shared. In our life surely we have met someone, with his faith, he had discover the goodness of the Lord, the beauty of believing. Someone who has given us his own life with a credible witness and emerging himself to the full. So hundreds of missionaries

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Increase our faith, Lord

When we meet the brothers ...
While we live in a service ...
To communicate the joy of life
It will become credible in our daily lives.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

**BLESSED IS HE WHO FEARS THE LORD.
AND WALK IN HIS WAYS.**



LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE BOOK OF PROPHET GEREMIA

But I did command them to obey me, so that I would be their God and they would be my people. And I told them to live the way I had commanded them, so that things would go well for them. (7, 23)

LET US REFLECT

This confirms that Sister Graziella, missionary in Uganda for many years in his service was convinced that the Lord wants men to be happy. To all without any distinction. From school to the parish, community meetings by personal prayer, so the voice of God resounds in the hearts of so many people. They will discover Him, meet Him and learn to love Him, they will be able to deal with serenity,

in dealing the hardships and struggles of life. The mission reaches the heart of every man. God also wants our happiness. Are we convince?

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Increase our faith, Lord

To announce your love ...
To those are separated and away from you ...
When we are tired and discouraged ...
and we will walk in paths of peace towards happiness.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

BLESSED IS HE WHO FEARS THE LORD.
AND WALK IN HIS WAYS.



LET US MAKE A COVENANT

LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE
ROMANS

And so the promise was based on faith, in order that the promise should be guaranteed as God's free gift to all of Abraham's descendants - not just to those who obey the Law, but also to those who believe as Abraham did. For Abraham is the spiritual father of us all; as the scripture says, "I have made you father of many nations." So the promise is good in the sight of God, in whom Abraham believed - the God who brings the dead to life and whose command brings into being what did not exist. (4,16-17)

LET US REFLECT

The promise of God is for all men. But in the front of injustice we find it hard to realize how true. Father Angelo, his life was dedicated to the defend the Amazon forest. Isn't an ecologist? No, he is a missionary who have a

great heart to protect the creation, and had not did anything but defend the rights of its people, who are slowly diminished cause by exploitation from progressive aim of multinational Capitalism. An alternative view supported by the Gospel that is the guardian of creation and the good of humanity. A vision that asks to each and every one of us, in our little and coherent choices.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Increase our faith, Lord

When we strive for the good ...
In our Availability to the poorest ...
For this love of life ...
And the world will be able once again to talk about you.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

**BLESSED IS HE WHO FEARS THE LORD.
AND WALK IN HIS WAYS.**



LET US MAKE A COVENANT

LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE BOOK OF PROPHET HOSEA

The people say, "Let's return to the Lord! He has hurt us, but he will be sure to heal us; he has wounded us, but he will bandage our wounds, won't he? In two or three days he will revive us, and we will live in his presence. Let us try to know the Lord. He will come to us as surely as the day dawns, as surely as the spring rains fall upon the earth. (6,1-3)

LET US REFLECT

Sister Isidora is a volcanic missionary in the north east of Brazil. Did not know where to rest, did not save anything to the proclamation the Gospel. And 'the certainty that the Lord is expected by many that have not yet met to give no truce to her service. A boat from the port penny here and there she encounter with the Christian communities of the forest.

Just like the spring rain is committed to fertilize the land with the proclamation of the Word. An announcement marked by passion and enthusiasm, generosity and love. An announcement that comes from faith. Is an announcement that involves us, but are we there?

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Increase our faith, Lord

In the charity of the heart ...
When you commit the time for others ...
For an ad credible ...
And the commitment to talk about you every day.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

BLESSED IS HE WHO FEARS THE LORD.
AND WALK IN HIS WAYS.



CONVERT ONESELF TO A NEW LIFE



The fourth Sunday of Lent presents to us a sister in Christ: Saint Lucy. With this saint whose legend is very well known to many as narrated about her, more than the real story of her faith reveals her life of holiness. Lucy is a young lady and wife for her husband and they live in Messina, a city struck down by famine, the poor extremely increases in number and for her, coming from a noble family of the city, everything seems to be injustice. Of which she was determined to offer all her dowry to sustain the poor, just how she have heard in the Gospel. In a short time Lucy has squandered all the family's property and at a certain point disgusted her promise husband who denounce her to the authority for being a Christian: the persecution of Diocletian has rendered her a martyr. Lucy dies a sister till the end, a sister who is against to every reason of "good sense". Lucy, a name that means the Light of Christ, who is faithful to the word of the Gospel and who opens the eyes and the heart of brothers who are in need. In her they found the fulfillment of the words of the Gospel of today: "But whoever lives according to the truth comes into the light so that it can be clearly seen that his works have been done in God" (Jn 3, 21). In the picture of Ceresa saint Lucy is a youngster like many, who is next to the house. The holiness is not an exceptional thing, but an opportunity offered to all, a light that can enlighten any existence. Her clothes are remembered to be colors of fire, symbol of passion, of burning love that rendered Lucy brave, despising the conventional of the time, dedicated only to the poor brothers. On hand has a palm, symbol of the martyrdom she underwent, and a pair of pierced eyes, in contrary of what was told, not being objects of mutilation during the time of persecution, but to remember the name of the saint: Lucy, light, of which the eyes perceive and receive.

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LET US START OUR PRAYER

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AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE BOOK OF PROPHET HOSEA

"I am telling you the truth," replied Jesus, "that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. The wind blows wherever it wishes; you hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. It is like that with everyone who is born of the Spirit." (3, 5-8)

LET US REFLECT

The elixir of life is always a desire, as we are forced to deal with the passing time. It does not depend on us. The time goes by itself without even asking permission. What makes the difference is the quality of time. A life that is totally in God, like that of so many people who live the reality of the service of our parish is a precious especially in difficult times like we are

going through. A gift to the community to grow in hospitality, in charity and to discover his real mission.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Teach us to tell about Your love

To talk about you in the world ...
In testimony to the hard work ...
When we come back tired and disheartened ...
And we contemplate the cross with a free heart
and full of Yourself.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

I WILL AGAIN DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.
FOR LONG LASTING DAYS.



FOURTH MONDAY OF LENT

LET US TALK ABOUT LIFE

LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE BOOK OF PROPHET ISAIA

The Lord says, "I am making a new earth and new heavens. The events of the past will be completely forgotten. Babies will no longer die in infancy, and all people will live out their life span. Those who live to be a hundred will be considered young. To die before that would be a sign that I had punished them. People will build houses and get to live in them - they will not be used by someone else. They will plant vineyards and enjoy the wine - it will not be drunk by others. Like trees, my people will live long lives. They will fully enjoy the things that they have worked for. (65,17.20-21)

LET US REFLECT

Antonia, consecrated secular, chose to become a nurse practicing first in Italy and then on a mission in Laos and Bolivia. from more than ten million child deaths that occur each year worldwide, most are due to acute

acute respiratory infections, dysentery, measles and malaria. All diseases can be prevented by vaccines, mosquito nets, hygiene and other simple forms of prophylaxis and are often too expensive for large segments of the population in extremely poor countries. The attention to all this is really essential. Even a new responsibility of all could help to make life more livable for many. And faith gets his hands dirty in these matters.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Teach us to tell about Your love

In the education of the heart ...
When we meet a poor ...
To experience the love ...
And every life will be preserved from conception until death.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

I WILL AGAIN DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.
FOR LONG LASTING DAYS.



LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE BOOK OF PROPHET EZEKIEL

Wherever the stream flows, there will be all kinds of animals and fish. On each bank of the stream all kinds of trees will grow to provide food. Their leaves will never wither, and they will never stop bearing fruit. They will have fresh fruit every month, because they are watered by the stream that flows from the Temple. The trees will provide food, and their leaves will be used for healing people."
(47, 9a.12)

LET US REFLECT

Water is a precious commodity. Nearly two billion people worldwide do not have regular access to clean water and sufficient. In some parts of the world is truly dramatic. Father Piergiorgio knows that for the people of Malawi the water is very precious. But water is a universal right. It cannot be privatized nor sold, but now has become big business.

And because business is business no matter if 11 million people could die because of drought in East Africa. The living water of faith is for all people: that's why we proclaim the Gospel.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Teach us to tell about Your love

When we are asked for help ...
Commitments in every day ...
To provide evidence of the water ...
It shall flow rivers of living water to every man
who seeks You with all my heart.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

I WILL AGAIN DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.
FOR LONG LASTING DAYS.



LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE BOOK OF PROPHET ISAIA

Sing, heavens! Shout for joy, earth! Let the mountains burst into song! The Lord will comfort his people; he will have pity on his suffering people. But the people of Jerusalem said, "The Lord has abandoned us! He has forgotten us." So the Lord answers, "Can a woman forget her own baby and not love the child she bore? Even if a mother should forget her child, I will never forget you (49, 13-15)

LET US REFLECT

The memory of the wonders of God is one reason for the mission. Telling the good man in spite of difficulty, insecurity, weariness, it is a commitment that everyone should take precisely because of their baptism and a Christian constructive presence in the community. God does not forget that no one asks us also not to forget that charity must be

the heart of our life and our family. Extending help, solidarity, communion, sharing: Missionaries and charitable groups in our parishes would like to be a sign of all of this. And it is a challenge for us,. If we would like also to work?

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Teach us to tell about Your love

When we forget about you ...
To a new world ...
In love and solidarity ...
And we will write pages of true charity.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

I WILL AGAIN DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.
FOR LONG LASTING DAYS.



LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM BOOK OF PSALM

They made a gold bull-calf at Sinai and worshiped that idol; they exchanged the glory of God for the image of an animal that eats grass. They forgot the God who had saved them by his mighty acts in Egypt. What wonderful things he did there! What amazing things at the Red Sea. (106,19-22)

LET US REFLECT

The temptation of a golden calf is typical of the society of opulence where the belly is sufficient for himself and the rest does not matter. It is not geographical, but existential, as each of us brings into play for pride sometimes and other times by presumption. Disarming simplicity of little sisters who are not doing any news, but

live constantly pointing to the essential and can draw around him into a free spaces. They are a valuable reference for our thirst to have and to close in on ourselves.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Teach us to tell about Your love

When we are tempted to get by ...

If we get lost in useless things ...

To remain free ...

it enables us to choose you always with conviction.

Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

I WILL AGAIN DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.

FOR LONG LASTING DAYS.



FOURTH FRIDAY OF LENT

LET US TALK ABOUT LIFE

LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM BOOK OF PSALM

The LORD is close to the broken hearted, saves those whose spirit is crushed. Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him from them all. He watches over all his bones; not one of them shall be broken. Evil will slay the wicked; those who hate the righteous are condemned. The LORD is the redeemer of the souls of his servants; and none are condemned who take refuge in him. (34/33,19-23)

LET US REFLECT

The desire to give a future to hundreds of children motivated the missionary service of Sister Lucia for many years in Sudan. She did not lack in fatigue, or constancy. The nursery school was her grounds of evangelization and gradually, the young boys who had grown in hardships of poverty and lack of education ready to face life with faith became her

traveling companions. A desire for goodness is what we must also cultivate in our homes, maybe by dedicating more time to those around us.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Teach us to tell about Your love

In our daily life ...
To accompany those around us ...
If we forget the good ...
And we will make your infinite love present everywhere.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

I WILL AGAIN DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.
FOR LONG LASTING DAYS.



FOURTH SATURDAY OF LENT

LET US TALK ABOUT LIFE

24 MARCH
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LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

Some in the crowd who heard these words said, "This is truly the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Messiah." But others said, "The Messiah will not come from Galilee, will he? Does not scripture say that the Messiah will be of David's family and come from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?" So a division occurred in the crowd because of him.

(7,40-43)

LET US REFLECT

Jesus for us: a good topic!

A question that accompanies man's search and his desire for happiness everywhere. A concrete answer is Sister Rosangela's care for her poor in Camiri, a small town of Bolivia. The meetings with the mothers, in the school for the children, the attention for the sick, catechesis for young people become places of the continuous proclamation of the Gospel, Jesus'

Faith is not a thought, an ideology, a set of rules of conduct, but a living encounter the attention of a heart. The proposal also applies to us and to our society, often ill in thoughts and so distant from love.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Teach us to tell about Your love

If we know how to recognize you...

While we rely on you ...

When we struggle ...

And you will come to live in our lives for an endless feast.

Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

I WILL AGAIN DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.
FOR LONG LASTING DAYS.



SACRIFICING AS BROTHERS



In the fifth week of Lent, we meet a saint that a tradition acknowledges as a Bergamasco saint (another tradition reminds us of North Africa): San Fermo. The painting of Ceresa refers to the legend that associates the story of St. Fermo with the early Christians in Bergamo and therefore, it is that which we shall talk about. The story of St. Fermo is that of a small seed that fell in the land of our diocese which bore many fruits. Fermo, converted to Christianity by the discourses of Alexander who died a martyr shortly thereafter, decided to devote himself to the poor and to prayer. But this lifestyle is considered dangerous by the Romans who decide to arrest him in Almè, to take him to Milan where he will undergo the trial. Along the way Rustico recognizes Fermo and decides not to leave him alone even in the face of death: becoming a brother to the end, together giving witness to their faith. On the way they stop in the countryside of Grignano where there is a small old church, now dedicated to the saint, still remembering the precious passage that spread so much faith.

In Ceresa's painting the saint's clothes alludes to his noble origins, perhaps he was a soldier like Alexander: helmet held by a cherub and the beautiful hilt of the sword with an eagle's head seem to suggest this. But for Christians the armor of Fermo is the quote of the passage from St. Paul: "With me you also get your share of suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus" (2 Tim 2.3). Fermo embodies the words of Paul, makes them into history, makes them visible. The blood red mantel alludes to the bloodshed by the saint, as well as the stone on which he kneels that that is no other than the "the stone discarded by the builders that became the corner stone." (Acts 4,11), the palm held by the saint recalls martyrdom in the name of faith, the light that descends from above.

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LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. (12,23-24)

LET US REFLECT

The grain of wheat explicates the logic of faith and style of the believer. Sister Catherine lives in Nigeria, plagued by violence of a religious nature or, perhaps, for apparent religious motives but hiding many other diverse interests. Certainly Christians pay with their lives their beliefs and become a pretext for aggression without limits. "The simple people are far from any violence and fanaticism, united by the desire for goodness and the

brotherhood that poverty is capable of creating, available precisely for the poor" are the words of Sister Catherine, words imbued with that hope that comes from Gospel and that disrupts the logic of power and violence. A commitment for all.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Bless our efforts, Lord

When we walk down the street ...
While we try to answer your call ...
To proclaim your Gospel
And we will become sowers of hope and serenity.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

TO YOU I RAISE MY EYES.
TO YOU WHO ARE ENTHRONED IN HEAVEN.



LET US SHARE THE EFFORTS

LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE BOOK OF PSALM

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures he makes me lie down, to still waters he leads me, he restores my soul. He guides me along right paths for the sake of his name. Indeed, goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life, I will dwell in the house of the LORD for endless days. (22,1-3.6)

LET US REFLECT

The steps of the mission are always guarded by the Lord. When they walk in inaccessible places, when they seem too fragile to support a situation, when they appear defeated by violence and wickedness, the Lord does not abandon his work. Father Christmas experienced this among the child soldiers of Sierra Leone. Even the mission of our

family is in the hands of the Lord, he meets eyes and heart. When our family prays it receives the gift of God and with every possible effort, it lives with joy.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Bless our efforts, Lord

To live in your presence ...
When we find it hard to look at ourselves ...
While we try to love each other ...
And shall tell with joy of the wonders being fulfilled among us.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

TO YOU I RAISE MY EYES.
TO YOU WHO ARE ENTHRONED IN HEAVEN.



LET US SHARE THE EFFORTS

LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

So Jesus said (to them), "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM, and that I do nothing on my own, but I say only what the Father taught me. The one who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, because I always do what is pleasing to him." Because he spoke this way, many came to believe in him. (8,28-30)

LET US REFLECT

One of those who believed in his mission until the end is Father of Joseph. Malawi was the last phase of his life. His large family had seen four vocations mature for the mission. A record, but above all, a blessing. Only trust in God allowed him to leave space, without resistance, in service of the Gospel. Proclaiming Jesus always: this could be the motto.

The characteristic? Serenity, a smile, the familiarity, all that allows one to feel welcomed with loved. Even our home can be such!

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Bless our efforts, Lord

To be bearers of peace ...
When we struggle to generous...
In the joy of sharing ...
And in testimony of faith we will be full of joy.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

TO YOU I RAISE MY EYES.
TO YOU WHO ARE ENTHRONED IN HEAVEN.



LET US SHARE THE EFFORTS

LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE BOOK OF PROPHET DANIEL

King Nebuchadnezzar questioned them: "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you will not serve my god, or worship the golden statue that I set up? Who is the God who can deliver you out of my hands?" (3,14-15b)

LET US REFLECT

Like the three young men in the furnace Don Sandro decided to continue defending the dignity of the poor and the least in Peru, beyond every violence. Shining Path interrupted his path with a few gun shots and killed him while returning to the mission. but failed to stop his testimony. Today await the Church's official recognition of this martyrdom, but we know that in God's plan, his missionary life continues to be realized in the community

led by him with love, with the burden incurred by the poor, in the church loved until the end. A beautiful testimony. Which cannot but do well to our faith.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Bless our efforts, Lord

In the decision to follow you forever ...
For all the love of your martyrs ...
Marked by Your Spirit ...
And we shall have no fear with you at our side.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

TO YOU I RAISE MY EYES.
TO YOU WHO ARE ENTHRONED IN HEAVEN.



LET US SHARE THE EFFORTS

LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE BOOK OF PSALM

Seek out the LORD and his might; constantly seek his face. Recall the wondrous deeds he has done, his wonders and words of judgment, He remembers forever his covenant, the word he commanded for a thousand generations, Which he made with Abraham, and swore to Isaac. (105/104, 4-5.8-9)

LET US REFLECT

Don Angelo, after having done many years of ministry in the communities of the community, answered the call of the Lord showed him the way of the mission. "But I'm no longer young," he repeated. "Who knows what God wants?" We also asked ourselves. A priest of the order Fidei Donum is the sign of the Lord's mercy, who knows no boundaries of space and time. It is a 'gift to a sister church to share the wealth

that the Lord pours out in abundance everywhere. Today he lives in a populous town in Northern Brazil: a sign of communion and sharing.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Bless our efforts, Lord

When we are called to testify ...
If we feel embarrassed to talk about you ...
To strengthen the credibility of the announcement ...
And we will learn to share the gift of faith.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

TO YOU I RAISE MY EYES.
TO YOU WHO ARE ENTHRONED IN HEAVEN.



LET US SHARE THE EFFORTS

LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE BOOK OF PSALM

LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer, my
God, my rock of refuge, my shield, my saving
horn, my stronghold! Praised be the LORD, I
exclaim! I have been delivered from my
enemies. (17,2-4)

LET US REFLECT

*Alexander received his call to the service of the
poor by being poor with the poor. By accepting
the gift of priesthood, he then continued to
intensely live intensely his service, girding that
apron with which the abandoned children, and
the most disadvantaged in alcoholics were able
to touch the face of Christ himself. He defined
himself as: "A poor Christ" and this allows us to
recognize in him as that spiritual tension that*

*continuously immerses in the mystery of
Jesus. For us he is a particular friend who,
through his missionary vocation, reminds us
that we can be a gift for each other.*

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Bless our efforts, Lord

To meet with our entire life ...
When we are tempted to close our eyes to the
world ...
In the contemplation of creation ...
And we shall be aware of all the gifts that
surround us.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

TO YOU I RAISE MY EYES.
TO YOU WHO ARE ENTHRONED IN HEAVEN.



LET US SHARE THE EFFORTS

LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE BOOK OF PROPHET EZEKIEL

Say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I will soon take the Israelites from among the nations to which they have gone and gather them from all around to bring them back to their land. I will make them one nation in the land, upon the mountains of Israel, and there shall be one king for them all. They shall never again be two nations, never again be divided into two kingdoms. (37,21-22)

LET US REFLECT

Don Valentino and three other priests of our church certainly were not attracted by the exotic charm of the Caribbean island when they said yes to the call of the Lord, who had preceded them in Cuba. The Kingdom of God requires willingness and passion everywhere. The choice was that of telling the news, the beauty and the power of the Gospel.

Not an ideology, but a proposal full of humanity and hope, not a monotonous path but one of making the most of the gifts that each is endowed with for the benefit of others. Such is the proclamation of the Gospel. We ourselves can become protagonists.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Bless our efforts, Lord

So that our resistance breaks down ...
When we do not rely on Hope ...
If we do not share our lives ...
And we shall sing your mercy without end.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

TO YOU I RAISE MY EYES.
TO YOU WHO ARE ENTHRONED IN HEAVEN.



FRATERNAL DEDICATION



The beautiful crucifixion of Ceresa immediately strikes us for the contrast between white and blue-blacks. We immediately see the crucified body that welcomes everyone with open arms and under Him, in the right corner, a hooded man wearing a white habit in prayer. Who is this so unusual figure that we perceive? It is a discipline. Those governing were laymen who wanted to live together in brotherhood, deeply involved in prayer as well as in charity for the needy without giving up being in the world. The white dress, the same for everyone, wanted to indicate a common origin, the Father Creator in heaven and an egalitarian status of siblings. If the governing belongs to a world that has, by now gone, to live as brothers in a unanimous and coherent way, what forms of brotherhood can we invent today to embody the same value? At a second glance, who can better capture the details, but a barefooted woman who cries for her own Master under the cross. It is Mary Magdalene, the same one who, on Easter morning will see the Lord in the garden of the New Creation. At the foot of the cross is a precious vase: it is the vase of perfumed oil, the oil for the burial of the body of the Lord which He will bring with him to the tomb. Beside is the skull of Adam, the first man, the progenitor of the first humanity, which is also included in newness of life in the New Adam, Christ. And lastly, here is the second inane discipline. The two brothers are in prayer, kneeling: one's hands are clasped tightly with emotion, the other holding a chain, as a sign of corporal penance to which we submit ourselves in memory of the Passion of Our Lord. The entire painting also invites us to kneel and pray, to contemplate the Brother who gives us to his Mother as children in the blessing of the Father.

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LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE BOOK OF PROPHET ISAIAH

I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who tore out my beard; My face I did not hide from insults and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; Therefore I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (50,6-7)

LET US REFLECT

A Holy Week, immersed in the mystery of Jesus, to live in faith, often tiring. The scanning of the day will help to ensure that the mystery dialogue with our lives. It will be so for Christians throughout the world. The silences and the looks of Jesus will be a continual reminder of the pilgrimage through the world of pain in the lives of many innocent people. The feelings of Jesus will become the instigators

of a lifestyle that more and more open to God's will and makes us discover the good of which can become protagonists. To experience the gift of the parish community.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Live in our hearts, Lord

In this Holy Week ...
To experience the mysteries of our faith ...
Aware of the gift of faith ...
And we will live the days of faith turn their hearts
towards Easter.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

HOPE IN GOD: I WILL PRAISE HIM STILL.
HE, THE SALVATION OF MY FACE AND MY GOD.



LET US LOOK FOR THE WAY

LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE BOOK OF PROPHET ISAIAH

I, the LORD, have called you for justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, To open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.” (42, 6)

LET US REFLECT

It is God who has chosen us! It is God who is sending us. The Lord needs us. The Lord is asking us to bear the cross of numerous brothers and sisters in the world offering us to participate with Him in the salvation of human-kind. As we look at the cross our hearts are filled with prayer. No one is excluded or forgotten by God. There is no suffering that God does not accompany, sensing it as God's own suffering; there is no suffering that God

does not feel in God's own body. This is a special place in the prayer for those committed towards the least of the brethren. Our family is called to this charity of communion and sharing even in the day to day living of our prayer.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Live in our hearts, Lord

To stay with those who suffer...
When we would rather escape...
When we are assailed by indifference and superficiality...
Then we shall bring into life the freedom of faith.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

HOPE IN GOD: I WILL PRAISE HIM STILL.
HE, THE SALVATION OF MY FACE AND MY GOD.



LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE BOOK OF PROPHET ISAIAH

Hear me, coastlands, listen, distant peoples.
Before birth the LORD called me, from my
mother's womb he gave me my name. He
made my mouth like a sharp-edged sword,
concealed me, shielded by his hand. He made
me a sharpened arrow, in his quiver he hid me.
He said to me, "You are my servant, in you,
Israel, I show my glory." (49, 1-3)

LET US REFLECT

*With a geographical map of the world let us
imagine many different lights illuminating
everything. It is the dream that accompanies
the proclamation of the Gospel. It is the
commitment of those who have made the
Gospel the light of life. We can a lot even
ourselves. A serving community awaits us: a
community where we are called to serve freely,*

*a society in which we need to be coherently
present in the search for common good and
defending the weak, a personal life, community
family that requires us to become s living
presence, sharing and prophecy. A sign of
God's presence!*

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Live in our hearts, Lord

With a heart open to the world...
To forge strong bonds of friendship...
While the light of faith spreads in the world...
Then we shall carry the world in our heart.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

HOPE IN GOD: I WILL PRAISE HIM STILL.
HE, THE SALVATION OF MY FACE AND MY GOD.



LET US LOOK FOR THE WAY

LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE BOOK OF PROPHET ISAIAH

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; Therefore I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. He who declares my innocence is near. Who will oppose me? Let us appear together. Who will dispute my right? Let them confront me. See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will declare me guilty? (50,7-9)

LET US REFLECT

The tragedy is that of feeling impotent, helpless. Father Angelo bent over a little Ivory Coast girl-child who was weakened by typhoid fever. The sign of the cross on her face and prayer in front of the attentive eyes of her mother. Few hours later death snatches her life away. A tough reality which can be overcome with a little more effort. Father Angelo does not

consider himself defeated. Is it enough to feel guilty? The response comes to us from Jesus who walks up to Calvary with an open heart. And if we could do the same?

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Live in our hearts, Lord

To renew our heart...
When we participate in the pain of those who suffer...
If we avail ourselves to serve those who are lonely...
Then we shall learn to share the pain and the difficulties, we shall warm the heart of those who are lonely.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

HOPE IN GOD: I WILL PRAISE HIM STILL.
HE, THE SALVATION OF MY FACE AND MY GOD.



LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

Jesus said, "You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.
(13, 13-15)

LET US REFLECT

A wild ramshackle table with few dishes. The food of great occasions because there is the visit of the missionary. The whole village is involved. The missionary eats a local typical dish and the village surrounds him with attention and tenderness. It is a feast accompanied with visits to the sick, catechesis to the catechumens, church council and many requests for advice. At the end, in the jeep there is a bit of everything: bananas, potatoes,

fruits and a little goat. It is to say thank you to the father for his presence. All this started at the Eucharist and has become more life, always more Eucharist. And in the whole world this food becomes justice, peace, consolation and future.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Live in our hearts, Lord

In the day to day of the family...
In Sunday Eucharist...
To live serving You...
And around the table the mystery of the Church will flower.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

HOPE IN GOD: I WILL PRAISE HIM STILL.
HE, THE SALVATION OF MY FACE AND MY GOD.



LET US LOOK FOR THE WAY

LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. (19, 25-27)

LET US REFLECT

How many faces of mothers have we seen marked by pain! A mother is always and everywhere a mother. Even Mary is a mother who is suffering. No son is evil for the mother and no one else is able to love even a disgraced son as a mother does. It is love that goes beyond death like the love of God. It is love that is communion. God has had need for a mother in order to feel the warmth

of affection and goodness. With charity let us dry the faces of the mothers who are crying for their sons who may have no hope. Let us pray with those mothers.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Live in our hearts, Lord

In prayer for all the mothers of the world...
So as to offer to the little ones a future full of life...
Marked by sharing...
And there will rise a future of hope for every child born.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

HOPE IN GOD: I WILL PRAISE HIM STILL.
HE, THE SALVATION OF MY FACE AND MY GOD.



LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

A READING FROM THE PROCLAMATION OF
EASTER

This is the night which saves and Christians all
over the world washed clean of sin and freed
from defilement and from the corruption of the
world are restored to grace and grow together
in holiness. This is the night when Jesus Christ
broke the chains of death and rose triumph
from the grave.

LET US REFLECT

*The silence of this Saturday is unique. Life
seems absent, the density of waiting requires a
profound pause of reflection. It is the waiting of
the world that lives the most absurd paradoxes.
It shortens distances with the speed of
transport means, widens the gaps of human
contact; cultivates immediate communication
and discovers incapacity to dialogue.
Contradictions where human beings are*

*immersed in seeking the true meaning of life.
The emptiness left by Jesus involves us too, as
it did the disciples that day of waiting. The night
will unite us with the parish community and we
shall see the light of the resurrection freeing
itself...and us too.*

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Live in our hearts, Lord

In the silence of waiting...

To taste and savor your presence...

In the experience of faith...

And when evening falls we shall learn to walk
towards you.

Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

HOPE IN GOD: I WILL PRAISE HIM STILL.
HE, THE SALVATION OF MY FACE AND MY GOD.



The feast: a time to contemplate beauty

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THE COMMUNION OFFERED

In Easter we contemplate the mystery of resurrection in the deposited body of Jesus and we listen to the faith Carlo Caresa has testified to us with his paintings during the whole Lenten Season. Even the painter of Bergamo origin has shown himself as our brother in the images and colors so typical of our land, images and colors that have accompanied our Lenten journey. The body of the Risen is the body of the Crucified as testified by the accounts of the apparitions: Is Thomas not invited to touch the wounds in order to believe in the unbelievable? The body of Jesus, taken down from the cross is about to be wrapped in white linen, the burial cloth which the apostles who run to the tomb on Easter Sunday morning found folded in an angle of the empty tomb. The piety of Mary will he encounter the help of Heavenly Piety: an angel offers himself to take the place of the lifeless body instead of the woman paralyzed by pain.

The body of Jesus shows itself in all its humanity: the fading white body evoking death, but which at the same time recalls another candor [brilliant white purity] that of the bread of Holy Communion. Perhaps it is not just by chance that the head of Jesus seems to lean on a table covered by a table cloth: the altar of the Eucharistic Sacrifice? Is it the table prepared for His disciples on Holy Thursday? The banquet to which Christians are invited every Sunday to learn to live as brothers and sisters breaking and sharing the bread which is the Body that unites us one?

In two opposite angles (up right and bottom left) the account of Easter Triduum: to the right the three crosses in the background light on Mount Calvary, to the left the vase of the precious and the perfumed oils which the women bring to the tomb on Easter Sunday but which will be of no use because the women will hear unheard news: "He is risen. He is not here." (Mark 16, 6).



LET US SPREAD GOODNESS

LET US START OUR PRAYER

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE
COLOSSIANS

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory. (3, 1-4)

LET US REFLECT

Risen with Christ! Witnesses of a new world. Participants in a profound communion. The joy of the day cannot be contained and therefore bursts out. It is something that infects the earth and harvests unity. We too are risen. We are not so naïve to believe that the world has changed, but we know and we are certain the world can change. We'll get involved. We shall

proclaim that Jesus is risen in our midst, He blesses every commitment for peace, He accompanies every gesture of charity and enlivens the community. Risen with Christ we are called to missions...best wishes.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Christ is risen, He is truly risen

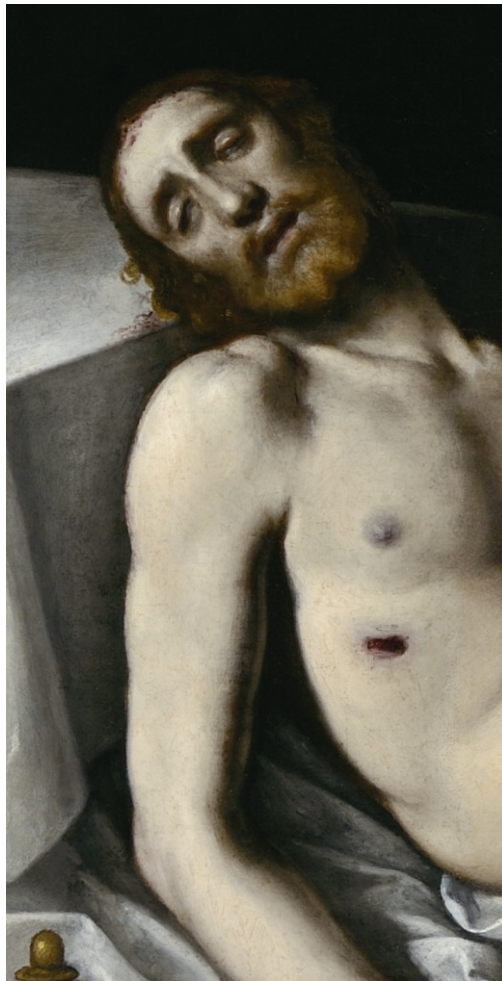
For all the people of the world...
To bring peace...
To make us His witnesses...
And we live for Him, the Lord, forever.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

**A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVER.
PROCLAIMS THE RISEN LORD.**



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LET US LIVE AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS!

LET US START OUR PRAYER

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AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" They were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" (4, 38-41).

LET US REFLECT

Grace time for the Church, time to live the gifts of Easter. The beauty of participating in the sacramental signs is to become part of the Mystery and to be witnesses and credible proclaimers of this Mystery. Jesus is alive in our life, we are not alone, we are not abandoned. We are His Church, a baptized people on a journey in the world, custodians

of every life and in love with every story. And we are called to be a sign with our own little story. Best wishes for the journey of witnessing.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Christ is risen, He is truly risen

To live always with us...
To bless His Church...
To gather the efforts of every person...
And the proclamation of the Gospel will surround the entire world.
Amen.

LET US END WITH THANKS

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