



Called to be in the world

Being Church on a mission

Prayers in our homes for Lent and Easter time

Together for prayer



The on-going current of the Council has always marked the experience of the Church in the world. Sometimes it was a light breeze, sometimes some confusion was created, and some fatigue resistance. The path of initiation into the faith and life-long formation, the network of charitable activities and the taste of the liturgy, institutions and groups with various aims, are the constituent references of the parishes, but the invitation of the Council is to go "beyond", dialogue and encounter with the world. Christians are invited to frequent the streets, to enhance relationships, to be leaven, precisely because they are engaged in everyday life. There are two basic convictions. First: all that is part of creation, that which belongs to the human heart, everything is object of attention and care on the part of the Church. The Church is called to accept the gifts that the Lord puts in his way. So every man is enhance, every culture, every profession. Second, the presence is a duty. This does not mean that the Church should hold the reins of the administration of the states, neither can it claim the right to dictate the rules of the economy or of the coexistence among peoples.

But it is in the world that the Church lives and believers are called, with competence, respect and passion to bring their contribution which is for the common good and has as its interpretative horizon the "novelty" of the Gospel. Thus the Council Fathers, with their own surprise, come to approve an unexpected but essential document: *Gaudium et Spes*. It is the place where the Church turns to live fidelity to humanity and fidelity to the Gospel, already a part dear to the heart of Pope John XXIII which he had already been cultivating for a long time and which he saw realized as history when he had already died and was already living forever in the Mystery of God. Our Lenten journey is marked by this text that relies on the good will of everyone with regards the readings and here becomes a call to some circumstances of life and becomes a prayer. It is a mission that concerns each one and commits every community. The mission that the Council has finally recognized of each baptized person who is called to live in history, recalling a famous statement by a theologian, with "the Gospel in one hand and the newspaper in the other." This is also a commitment for our family!

The word of the Bishop

*I may seem out of line, but I do expect to be invited to your home.
To some this will certainly be a pleasure, but others may probably turn up his nose a little bit.
I do not want to impose myself on you, instead I am asking for hospitality.
I am not coming to you to preach to you,
I would like to find a bowl of soup and be able to listen to you.
I could meet the grandmother who tells me about the fragments of her life
and even the teenager who makes me partaker of his fragmented life.
Then there are the worries of the parents,
who are maybe out of work and the young man resigned to not having any future.
I guess these meetings, but I assure you that I already have them within me.
And as a good bishop I try to turn them into prayer.
Yes, after having listened to you, I would like to pray with you.
With absolute simplicity, with this book in our hands,
but, above all, with an open heart to the mystery of God.
I am sure that for each there is a word,
a smile, a pat on the back, an invitation to go on.
I call this hope and I would like to be able to make you enjoy its colors,
I wish I could bring in my own person
the hope and confidence of our Church of Bergamo.
These are difficult times, but it's nice to know that we are not alone.
My thanks for the hospitality, for listening, for the prayer and ...for the soup.
I'll take advantage of this again!*

francesco serevi



Being Church on a mission

The diocesan missionary project for this Lent



Our church of Bergamo has indicated for more than 40 years, her charitable commitment to the support of the diocesan mission in Bolivia, Ivory Coast and Cuba. A communion of communities and families who in being church discover that there are no boundaries of space, the opportunity to live goodness is everyone's business and commits everyone.

From this book a family commitment for the family takes shape, then the parish community, which is a set of families which can become responsible for the synthesis of this solidarity and the transmission channel to share with the commitment of the entire Diocese.

It is the family that makes itself responsible for charity precisely by starting from their problems and by challenging their lifestyle, choices, priorities, real needs and free time.

The "monetization" is but a consequence of this awareness and projects the family beyond itself. It is not only a matter of money, but is in fact of a mission.

A suggestion as to how the family can develop this form of charity?

Missions diocesan priests, religious and laity are in the service of communities and situations in which the family is the pivot around which to build the future. There are families reduced to the bone by poverty and indescribable situations of insecurity, situations of family abandonment, health-related fragility, growth, education; educational gaps often unbridgeable and irrevocable; hardship due to the physical condition, sometimes mental; joint fatigue and a little special.

The proposal

A dinner together

It is the invitation to consider that, once a week, even on Sunday, the family receives a Cuban family for lunch. € 25,00 is what allows us to have a normal meal while on the Caribbean island it could feed the family for the whole week.

The school is not a luxury

It is the invitation to provide for the educational materials, the snack and the uniform of a boy from the Ivory Coast. A total of € 150,00 allows a valuable support.

I can go around too

It is the gift of a wheelchair to a child with a disability who, with € 200,00, can become capable of a degree of autonomy that will permit him to return to being together with others.

Do not forget about

Because abandoned by their parents, or because they are "marked" by some small offense, there are





some children who are at risk of not having a future. Charity supporting structures that receive them can take care of their education and their reintegration into society.

An unforgettable experience

Even religious education can become a problem regarding moving from the mission to the villages. There is the trip, the food for the day's stay, the necessary tools to bring back to the village.

To bear these costs is to help the Christian community to grow and find more and more strength in faith.

The gift of health

One can really die for a trivial attack of asthma or dysentery, for the emergence of malaria or for the lack of tetanus vaccines. Waiting too long for a diagnosis can be fatal, the distances, the lack of tools and medicines are condemnation. With € 100,00 a family can bear the costs of medical laboratory and some indispensable medicines.

I work also

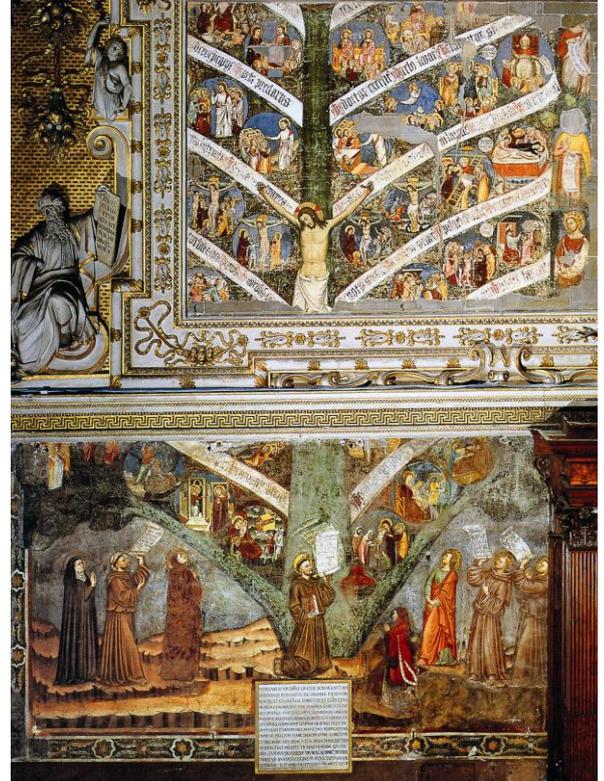
A problem everywhere is that of work, especially for the poor. That is why the support given to the various cooperatives that gather laborious man power can help hard-working families and entire communities. € 100,00 per family is multiplied in work and the future of persons.

MEDITATING THE PASSION, DEATH AND RESURRECTION.

As usual, the iconographic comment for this Lent-Easter is given by a medieval fresco, such as those which have commented the journey of Advent-Christmas. The peculiarity is that these beautiful images are actually a hidden treasure because they remain hidden by a seventeenth-century painting in the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore: they are not visible to a habitual visitor, but constitute one of the best comments regarding the mystery of Jesus' life that we have in the diocese.

Every Sunday we will contemplate a circle depicting a moment of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord, a circle which is composed as a "fruit" of the Tree of Life, that is, of the Cross: sign and synthesis of the mission of the Incarnate Word. The whole fresco is the iconographic comment of the work of St. Bonaventure (pictured at the foot of the tree holding a scroll) entitled: "Lignum vitae" text in verse for teaching and meditation on the life of Christ of the faithful of the thirteenth century. The unknown artist who left us this remarkable work of art has been dubbed the "Master of the Tree of Life" that has worked in various churches of Bergamo in the middle of the fourteenth century. Turn our eyes to this testimony of faith that has spanned the centuries to reach us by making it accompany us to the celebration of Easter with a special reverence and wonder. As Lent is the liturgical season that prepares us for the Easter Triduum, so these images prepare the heart pausing every week on a single moment of the Passion: the mystery is so great that it must be savored slowly.

Master of the Tree of Life, The Tree of Life, S. Maria Maggiore, Bergamo
(photo studio Da Re).



LET US START OUR PRAYER

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

one needs to be so to live the mission. And our family, in our Lenten journey, is invited to rediscover the "beauty" of poverty with choices of simplicity and sobriety. Good Journey!

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET JOEL

Blow the trumpet in Zion! proclaim a fast, call an assembly; Gather the people, notify the congregation; Assemble the elders, gather the children and the infants at the breast; Let the bridegroom quit his room and the bride her chamber. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'" (2,15-17)

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Mother Church rejoices.
Mother Church rejoices.
My heart rejoices.
My heart rejoices.
In Christ Jesus our Lord.
In Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen

LET US REFLECT

It was September 11, 1962, and Pope John XXIII, in a radio message to all the faithful of the world, remembered the imminent start of the Council, stating that: "the Church presents itself as it is, and wants to be, as the Church of all, and particularly the Church of the poor ". Yes,

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.



BEING CHURCH ON A MISSION

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AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

Moses said to the people: "Today I have set before you life and prosperity, death and doom. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the LORD, our God, heeding his voice, and holding fast to him. For that will mean life for you, a long life for you to live on the land that the LORD swore he would give to your fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."
(30,19-20)

LET US REFLECT

"I was born poor, I have always lived poor and so I want to die": is the awareness of Pope John XXIII. This great man of our land has always cultivated in the simplicity of that

"joyful poverty" that makes one free and able to concentrate really on others and the things that matter. An interesting proposal that can make life great. And if we try ourselves too?

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

May the Mother Church commit herself.
May the Mother Church commit herself.
May the life of every believer be committed.
May the life of every believer be committed.
In Christ Jesus our Lord.
In Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

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FRIDAY AFTER THE ASHES BEING CHURCH ON A MISSION

LET US START OUR PRAYER

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

*of interest you must recover a sense of the
common good and the responsibilities of each.
A commitment to our family.*

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

Thus says the Lord GOD: This, rather, is the
fasting that I wish: releasing those bound
unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke; Setting
free the oppressed, breaking every yoke;
Sharing your bread with the hungry,
sheltering the oppressed and the homeless;
Clothing the naked when you see them,
and not turning your back on your own.
(58, 6-7)

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Love the Mother Church.
Love the Mother Church.
Love in choosing the poor.
Love in choosing the poor.
In Christ Jesus our Lord.
In Christ Jesus Our Lord.

Amen.

LET US REFLECT

*"My heart is so big and longs to be merged with
the desire to be in one embrace with all the
people of the world" is for Pope John a thought
that in his life has really managed to live as a
citizen of the world. Before the temptation of
egoism, individualisme, and of those only*

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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

Jesus 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

"The superfluous is measured by the need of others," said John. And it is the space of the others that allows us to truly charity and benevolence, which is essential to respond to the Christian vocation.

Our family is invited to revise her lifestyle: the use of money, the essential needs, value choices ... A proposal to set the time of Lent.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

May the Mother Church grow.
May the Mother Church grow.
Welcome her children in her heart.
Welcome her children in her heart.
In Christ Jesus our Lord.
In Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

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FOREVER.



THE BETRAYED AFFECTIONS

Let us remember the words of the Council: “The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ. Indeed, nothing genuinely human fails to raise an echo in their hearts.”
(Gaudium et Spes n. 1).



The long meditation of the Passion begins with the treachery of Judas. The ancient [fresco] portrait has saved the round top that allows us to grasp the fine and essential expressions of faces. Judas kisses Jesus not only to hand him over to his executioners with the ultimate gesture of affection and intimacy, but also tightens his arm around Jesus' neck, maybe an expression of a narrow-minded and miserly soul that wants to own everything and everyone. Jesus' gaze is directed elsewhere, almost disregarding what is happening: the right hand raised to bless or to admonish and instruct someone else. The soldiers, dressed as medieval knights, their dreadful, malevolent expression: show their teeth just like the animals before attacking a prey; and dressed in green the mood surrounding both Judas and Jesus is urgent: there is no time to lose, the time of Christ has come. In the story of the temptations in the wilderness Jesus resists the seduction of the devil, chooses not to betray neither human beings nor his Father who is in heaven. His entire existence is a humble and peaceful offering and a faithful witness following the Love of his Father even accepting to be betrayed by one of the Twelve.

Master of the Tree of Life, *The Tree of Life*, particularly «The Arrest of Jesus», S. Maria Maggiore, Bergamo (photo studio Da Re)

BEING WITH PERSON: THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS

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

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, One does not live on bread alone."
(4,1-4)

LET US REFLECT

The Church and the world: an irreplaceable relationship to live as believers. And concerns us all. The Council, which in the heart of Pope John, wanted to mark the resumption of a more intense dialogue between the mysteries of faith and daily life has given us a document, the result of comparison, reflection and study,

entitled Gaudium et Spes. We want to re-examine it in these days of lent to make it even more intense with each of our family in town, in the district, in the country and, why not, in the world!

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Joys and hopes, sadness and anguish.
Joys and hopes, sadness and anguish.
Into your hands we commit, oh Jesus.
Into your hands we commit oh Jesus.
In order to live close to those who are poor.
In order to live close to those who are poor.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
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BEING WITH PERSON: THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS

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should seek God; it is useless to take refuge in fantasies. We want to believe. We want to recognize Jesus. This is our commitment.

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi* he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."
(16,13-16)

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

For every person on earth.
For every person on earth.
We beg You for the light of faith.
We beg You for the light of faith.
In their daily struggle.
In their daily struggle.

Amen.

LET US REFLECT

What do we make of Jesus in life? What do we need? It is a fundamental question, it is the question of faith. The answer cannot be theoretical, but needs the experience of encounter, of the a personal relationship. It is in ordinary daily life, the place where we

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BEING WITH PERSON: THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS

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LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you forgive men their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive men, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions."

(6, 14-15)

LET US REFLECT

The red thread of hope through, in silence and with absolute respect for the life of every man. An undisputed value that begs to be cherished and with particular attention to those who live precariousness and fragility of any kind. This forgiveness does not necessarily mean that an

offense declared or action occurs. The heart of man is to be inhabited by the depth of hope, otherwise abandons violence.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

In the secret of every heart.
In the secret of every heart.
In the history of every person.
In the history of every person.
Come, Lord Jesus!
Come, Lord Jesus!

Amen

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.



BEING WITH PERSON: THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS

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LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET 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 the ashes.
(3, 5-6)

LET US REFLECT

Responsibility is a big word! Expresses a way of coping with life, a presence that the Christian cannot achieve. Jesus trod the paths of man, met him in his poverty, shared joys and hopes, struggles and anxieties, picked up his hold, he loved his limits.

The Christian home is not under a bell jar, can not expect to stand at the window, because the world is waiting for him. This extends to our own.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Help us to be responsible.
Help us to be responsible.
Teach us to love the world.
Teach us to love the world.
For our Lord Jesus.
For Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.

BEING WITH PERSON: THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS

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 his disciples: 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

Evil is exasperation of selfishness, but hardly a father and a mother can be so bad towards their children. God is beyond all expectations, because all that is genuinely human finds an echo in his heart.

Learn the lesson means redesigning the coordinated relationships between people and establish relationships in the strength of brotherhood. It is a way to live, It 's a way to share.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Guide our hearts.
Guide our hearts.
Sustain our journey.
Sustain our journey.
With Jesus, our brother.
With Jesus, our brother.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.



BEING WITH PERSON: THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS

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LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Jesus said to his disciples: 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

It's on fraternity that the Gospel bets and the proposal is to create deep links and to be creative. John Paul II spoke of the "globalization of charity" as an essential possibility of a new order of the world. That's why it's really important to learn to forgive, to find that the strength and the beauty

of relationships that have the flavor of the heart and the eyes of trust. We all have a space of forgiveness to be recovered.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Teach us forgiveness.
Teach us forgiveness.
Free our hearts.
Free our hearts.
In Christ Jesus, our Lord.
In Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Amen

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.

BEING WITH PERSON: THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS

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AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Jesus said to his disciples: “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, 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

Even in the misunderstandings and the experiences of the believer is asked to be the bringer of peace. Enemies do not exist nor is unthinkable that evil is already defeated by the constant providence of God, we can't not deny to anyone in search of freedom and the

truth of faith. And looking at the world from the point of view of the losers and the poor that we learn to enjoy the simplicity and goodness of creation and of men.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

In the gift of fraternity.

In the gift of fraternity.

Let us hold the hands of our brother.

Let us hold the hands of our brother.

In Christ Jesus our Lord.

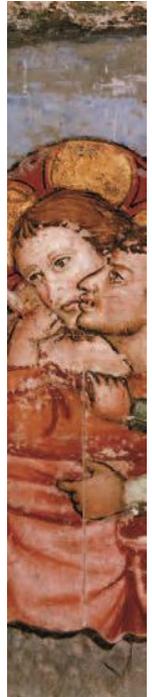
In Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

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TORN VESTEMENTS

Let us remember the words of the Council: “Inspired by no earthly ambition, the Church seeks to a single objective: to carry forward the work of Christ under the lead of the befriending Spirit. And Christ entered this world to give witness to the truth, to rescue and not to sit in judgment, to serve and not to be served.” (Gaudium et Spes n. 3).



Jesus stands before Pilate who sentenced him definitively, is blindfolded, then stripped and beaten. The three soldiers around him enact the dehumanization to anyone sentenced to death shall be submitted: one on the left raises his hand to flog his back, the first on the right is finishing to strip his clothes, while the third, with one hand familiarly resting on the shoulder of Jesus, is yelling. The body and the consciousness of the condemned are made even more fragile and the violence on man by man even made easier, almost as is due. Only the sign of God's blessing, the halo around the head of Jesus (gold-plated originally built) reminds the believer that the Son is not forgotten by the Father. Jesus' eyes are blindfolded, maybe it's a gesture of compassion, but more likely it is a way to defend the perpetrators to defend themselves from the gaze of the Brother asking for the meaning of so much violence. Behind Pilate are the representatives of the Jewish people who were demanding the death sentence. The excerpt of the transfiguration narrates that Jesus, wrapped in indescribable robes is a sign of God's presence that will never fail in the life of the Son, it is to support of faith that before the greater evil may falter and escape.

Master of the Tree of Life, Tree of Life, detail "the Mockery and Stripping of Christ", S. Maria Maggiore, Bergamo (photo studio Da Re)

BEING WITNESSES: LISTENING TO JESUS

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

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with Him.
(9, 29-31)

LET US REFLECT

Opening to the world was the goal of Pope John XXIII which he cultivated in the heart thinking of the Council. A Church which, transformed by his Lord, could be a sign of presence and service to man and his hope.

And from the contemplation of Christ transfigured derives this service. Even more so today the Church, the Christian community, realizes its nature in the missionary service that brings her everywhere to live the Gospel. Let us be involved.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

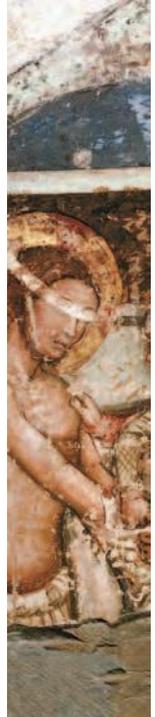
LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

We can live the gospel.
We can live the gospel.
In everyday choices.
In everyday choices.
In Christ Jesus our Lord.
In Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.



BEING WITNESSES: LISTENING TO JESUS

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LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be merciful, just as 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

How much effort to get along, even in our families. How much patience! To make us aware that there is no measure exist to get closer to God, to his immense size. In short, the measure of love does not exist.

It is more involves us. Maybe, just starting from our family, we can practice the good we desire then we cannot be unhappy.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Grant us the serenity of the heart.
Grant us the serenity of the heart.
Guard the world in peace.
Guard the world in peace.
In Christ Jesus our Lord.
In Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.



BEING WITNESSES: LISTENING TO JESUS

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LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

(23,9-12)

LET US REFLECT

There is a universal family to which we belong in the name of faith. It is the Father who guarantees the depth of its bond. The fraternity becomes an exchange, it becomes service, especially those who are poor, and those in need. This missionary perspective makes us

responsible in the world and immerses us more and more in the problems and hardships of the people. Even our family is called to this responsibility, if not possible at least through prayer.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Make us missionaries of the Gospel.
Make us missionaries of the Gospel.
Announcing joy to the world.
Announcing joy to the world.
And live in Jesus our Lord.
And live in Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.



SECOND WEDNESDAY OF LENT
BEING WITNESSES: LISTENING TO JESUS

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

As 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

Even in today's world there are men condemned to death by the situations in which they live. Hunger, violence, disease, insecurity, and then the terrible disease of loneliness. It is not always easy to do the will of God, neither is easy to see this desire in the wounds of daily

living, but faith invites us to learn from every experience and commits us to spend ourselves without limits for good. And this is the winning chances.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Make us attentive to the poor.
Make us attentive to the poor.
Guide us in charity.
Guide us in charity.
Just like Jesus, our brother.
Just like Jesus, our brother.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.



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 seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, But stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth. (17,5-6)

LET US REFLECT

The "signs of the times", an expression dear to Pope John, suggest an attitude of trust and hope. The present seems to be overshadowed by so many problems and struggles with the risk of "letting go" or worse yet is trying to seek false and dishonest solutions.

Listening to the Lord, His Word permits us not to renounce search for goodness. From His presence we are involved in the goodness that we all just need to create a new world.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

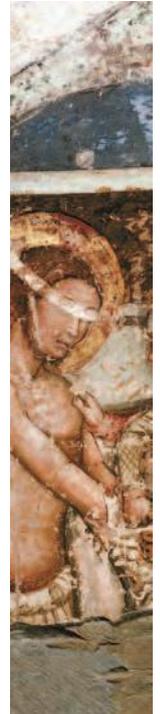
LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Fill our hearts with confidence.
Fill our hearts with confidence.
Guide our steps with hope.
Guide our steps with hope.
In Jesus our Lord.
In Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.



BEING WITNESSES: LISTENING TO JESUS

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 the chief priests and the elders of the people: “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

The Lenten journey is challenging because it takes time and asks to be constant and true. It's like a walk on a slope . It becomes important not to loose the direction and to hold on the goal. On the “stone” rejected we are called to play life and it's not certainly easy to

remain faithful to this choice. In the community prayer we feel to share this commitment and that gives mutual testimony in pursuing the common good.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Be with us Lord on our way.
Be with us Lord on our way.
Bless every family.
Bless every family.
Lord of life, hear us.
Lord of life, hear us.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.



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 PSALMS

He pardons all your iniquities,
he heals all your ills.
He redeems your life from destruction,
he crowns you with kindness and compassion.
He will not always chide,
nor does he keep his wrath forever.
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.
(102,3-4,9-10)

LET US REFLECT

Also the Christian community is always in search of forms and styles to tell the Gospel with intense firmness. The risk of power and of money is always lurking, capable to sneak in a way that distort the goodwill and make way to the interest of the single and community. Only a strong journey of faith allows us to remain free from these

temptations, confronting and listening the Word of the Lord that offers positive possibilities of commitment, it's sharing in the family and in the community that also sustains us in moments of temptation.

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OUR FATHER.....

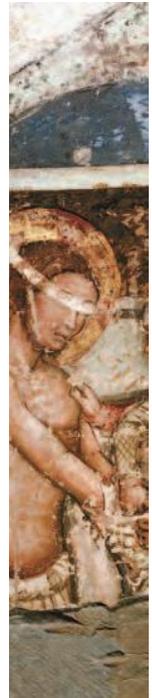
LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Grant us the Gospel to announce.
Grant us the Gospel to announce.
Show us the way of charity.
Show us the way of charity.
In Christ Jesus , our Lord.
In Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Amen.

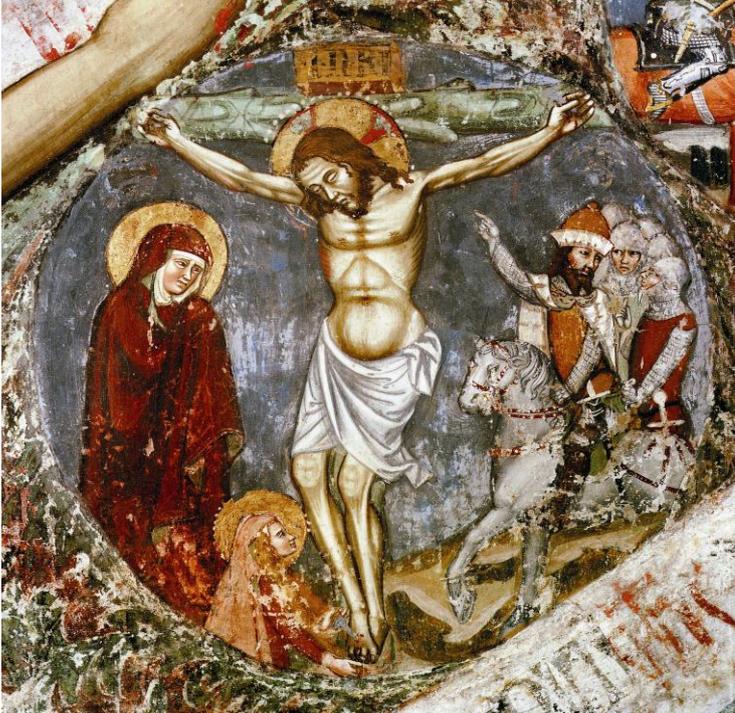
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THE TREE OF LIFE

Let us remember the words of the Council: “The Church has always had the duty of scrutinizing the signs of the times and of interpreting them in the light of the Gospel. Thus, in language intelligible to each generation, she can respond to the perennial questions which men ask about this present life and the life to come, and about the relationship of the one to the other.” (Gaudium et Spes n. 4).



Jesus dies abandoned by his disciples and friends, at the foot of the cross there was only Mary, his mother, and Mary Magdalene. The two women express, in face and composed gestures, all the pain over the death of the Son of God. Mary held her hands together beneath the mantle of pain: a gesture of decency for such an intimate sorrow that pierces the heart. Mary Magdalene knelt down and touches the pierced feet of Jesus: perhaps remembers the tears that wet them and the fragrance with which she nursed them when he was alive. On the right of the crucifix there are soldiers on horseback, the first, sumptuously dressed, raises his arm and points to Jesus: it's the Centurion who professes his faith: "truly this man was the Son of God!". Jesus is at the center with the head reclined and closed eyes: entrust his spirit to the Father. The wood of the cross on which he was nailed is of green wood, vital, full of buds ready to sprout: it's the sign that life wins over death, despite the pain of Good Friday soon will come the joy of Easter. The parable of the barren fig is a warning to bear fruits always, not to leave oneself to be carried away by laziness, but by the example left to us by Jesus on the cross Who bears greater fruit: the salvation of mankind.

BEING AUTENTIC: DICERNING FOLLOWING THE GOSPEL

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

And he told them this parable: "There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?' He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.'"

(13,6-9)

LET US REFLECT

Time doesn't belong to us, nevertheless we are the protagonists. The Lord of time fills us with confidence entrusting to us a part of the story. It is our task to bear fruit and put all possible efforts to bring out the good that is accomplished. It would be really nice if we can

be together as a family, with friends make the gestures and signs so that goodness will flourish everywhere and to everyone. We will truly live all that makes us witnesses and bearers of hope, that the world really needs.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Show us your face.

Show us your face.

Touch our hearts.

Touch our hearts.

In Jesus, renew our life.

In Jesus, renew our life.

Amen

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.

FOREVER.



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

Jesus said to the people in the synagogue at Nazareth: "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."

(4,24-27)

LET US REFLECT

To banish prejudice and fundamentalist is really a fight. Often persons and the situation, face by the sword of Damocle arises due to lack of trust, discriminatory preferences, envy and wickedness. It is easy,

to destroy someone with excessive words easy to spoil a person's reputation and create immediate suspicion. God does not do this. His Providence has as its sole interest , the well being of each man and we believers, we cannot but act like God. Let us be committed in doing so.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Bless the hardships of man.
Bless the hardships of man.
Comfort his journey.
Comfort his journey.
With Jesus, our friend.
With Jesus, our friend.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.



BEING AUTENTIC: DICERNING FOLLOWING THE GOSPEL

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 DANIEL

Azariah stood up in the fire and prayed aloud: And now we follow you with our whole heart, we fear you and we pray to you. Do not let us be put to shame, but deal with us in your kindness and great mercy. Deliver us by your wonders, and bring glory to your name, O Lord.”

(3,25.41-43)

LET US REFLECT

In the complicated events of history, between political interests and economic speculations, the daily fatigue of managing our families, surely there is a need of a good amount of confidence and courage. The hard work to live, but at the same time deserves all our efforts. It's half of the "fire" of the daily hardships, like for Azaria, we strive to live our testimony as

believers, more convince than ever of the value of this alternative proposal to move on. Not better than others, but ready to serve joyfully.

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OUR FATHER.....

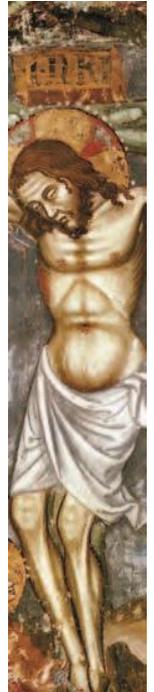
LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Renew our testimony.
Renew our testimony.
Make us joyful believers.
Make us joyful believers.
In Christ Jesus our Lord.
In Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.



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 DEUTERONOMY

Moses spoke to the people and said: "Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him? Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today? "However, take care and be earnestly on your guard not to forget the things which your own eyes have seen, nor let them slip from your memory as long as you live, but teach them to your children and to your children's children."
(4,1.7-9)

LET US REFLECT

In the sign of blessing narrates the story of the people of Israel. A story marked by the



closeness of God to a people often confused and lazy, sometimes stained by treachery and laziness. Yet God wanted a world of good, wrote in his story pages and pages of absolute fidelity, has proposed the adventures of faith. Comes to us today, this proposal of faith and asks for space in our lives. The response is challenging, but fascinating.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Bless all the families.
Bless all the families.
Comfort our sick.
Comfort our sick.
Keep us close to Jesus, our Lord.
Keep us close to Jesus, our Lord.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.

BEING AUTENTIC: DICERNING FOLLOWING THE GOSPEL

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: This is what I commanded my people: Listen to my voice; then I will be your God and you shall be my people. Walk in all the ways that I command you, so that you may prosper.
(7,23)

LET US REFLECT

To be happy: is beautiful. It is the sense of life. It's the desire inside the heart of every man. Then it is necessary to have a goal, a path to follow, because you are not happy when you walk, groping in difficulty here and there, and get lost with useless things. God gives and offers in life, the way to rely on

His gift of Providence. Let us leave ourselves be involve, become a unique opportunity of a strong provocation. Truly happiness, is an offer for life.

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OUR FATHER.....

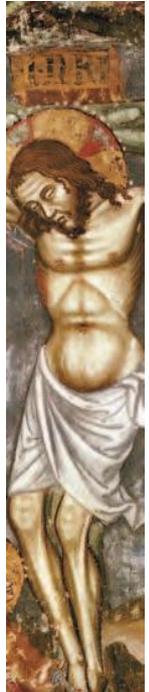
LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Fill our hearts.
Fill our hearts.
Renew our commitment.
Renew our commitment.
We bless you Jesus, our brother.
We bless you Jesus, our brother.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.



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 ST. PAUL TO THE ROMANS

For this reason, it depends on faith, so that it may be a gift, and the promise may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not to those who only adhere to the law but to those who follow the faith of Abraham, who is the father of all of us. He believed, hoping against hope, that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “Thus shall your descendants be.” That is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.”
(4,16.18.22)

LET US REFLECT

We are part of a big project. And the testimony of faith is entrusted to those who preceded us, believed well and made us sharers of ones own story of faith. So the story of of our community is not impersonal , imaginative but

marked by an endless number of faces, story of passion and loyalty. It's nice t to retrace the story of one's own family to see the sign of the "passing" of God. And give thanks in prayer.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Guide your Church.
Guide your Church.
Enlighten our communities.
Enlighten our communities.
To be brothers in Jesus.
To be brothers in Jesus.

Amen

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.



BEING AUTENTIC: DICERNING FOLLOWING THE GOSPEL

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 HOSEA

“Come, let us return to the LORD, it is he who has rent, but he will heal us; he has struck us, but he will bind our wounds. He will revive us after two days; on the third day he will raise us up, to live in his presence. Let us know, let us strive to know the LORD; as certain as the dawn is his coming, and his judgment shines forth like the light of day! He will come to us like the rain, like spring rain that waters the earth.”
(6,1-3)

LET US REFLECT

The Lord is in our midst. His Word helps us recognize him in situations, in people. His word supports and comforts us, also when in difficulty. It is providence. These are the convictions that make a Christian a positive

presence in reality and keep them committed in building a world that accepts and respects every person. We also can do our part.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Teach us your Word.
Teach us your Word.
Guide our choices.
Guide our choices.
In Christ Jesus our Lord.
In Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen

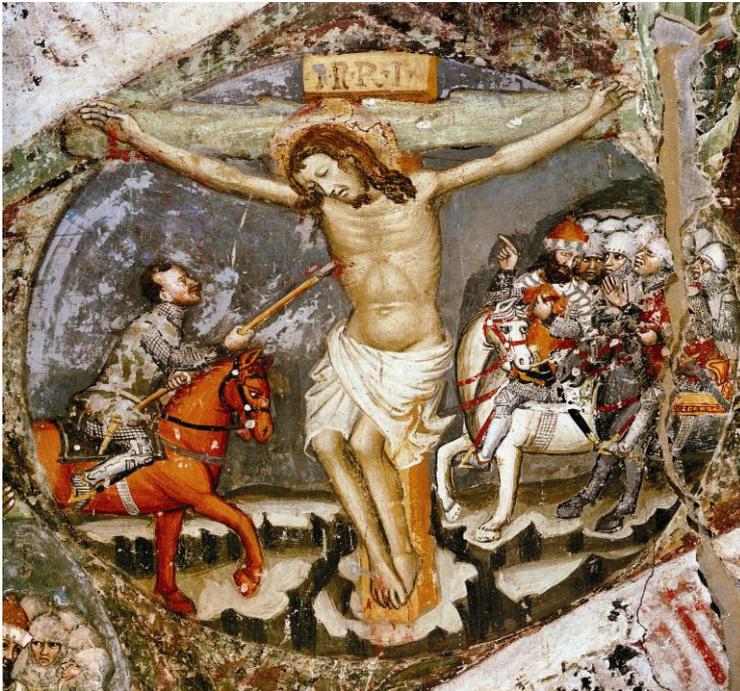
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THE OFFERED HEART

Let us remember the words of the Council: “In the depths of his conscience, man detects a law which he does not impose upon himself, but which holds him to obedience. Always summoning him to love good and avoid evil. For man has in his heart a law written by God; to obey it is the very dignity of man; according to it he will be judged.” (Gaudium et Spes n.16).



The dead body of Jesus, on the cross, is violently pierced by the spear of the soldier who wants to make sure of his death. In this outrageous action the Church has seen with the eyes of faith, the last and endless offering of the Son, the blood and the water flowed out are the same signs of the sacraments: Baptism and the Eucharist. The heart of Jesus, dwelling place of affection and desire, are pierced so that it remains always open to the world, an image of fraternity that offers all and nothing restrains. On the right of the cross, is the scene of the Centurion who witness his own faith with what had happened, while the land under the hooves of the horses breaks due to cosmic signs that accompany the death of Jesus. The parable of the prodigal son is also the parable of the merciful father which literally means: poor-heart. Christian mercy, that is the capacity to forgive, to accept, to rejoice for the conversion of the other, to love the enemies, not only the friends, has only one inexhaustible source: the wounded side of Jesus on the cross.

Master the Tree of Life, The Tree of Life, noted « Christ pierced by Longino », S. Maria Maggiore, Bergamo (photo studio Da Re)

BEING FRATERNAL: LEARNING ABOUT FATHER'S MERCY

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

While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.'

(15,20b.22-24)

LET US REFLECT

The feast is an experience that touches the depths of the heart. It's an indispensable moment in life for serene relationships that renders human the community. Sunday is for all the believers a light of presence of the Lord Jesus. This house feast, opens the

acceptance to fraternity, it becomes a stimulus for the family in meeting other families in fellowship, with intense sentiments and charity. The feast is a gift to be lived together.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Be O Lord, our feast.

Be O Lord, our feast.

Be our joy.

Be our joy.

Jesus, our brother and Savior.

Jesus, our brother and Savior

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.

FOREVER.



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 HOSEA

Thus says the LORD: Lo, I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; The things of the past shall not be remembered or come to mind. No longer shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not round out his full lifetime; He dies a mere youth who reaches but a hundred years, and he who fails of a hundred shall be thought accursed. They shall live in the houses they build, and eat the fruit of the vineyards they plant.
(65,17.20-21)

LET US REFLECT

Man has, as a gift of creation, an incomparable dignity. It is not given to him by power or money, or from what he seems to know, but it dwells within him, beyond any capacity. The man is a gift, called to inhabit the land; with his intelligence he can really achieve great things.

He is neither master of life nor of created things, but with the wisdom of him he becomes the guardian and the protagonist of a positive and creative story. We too are called to participate in this story.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Sustain our research.
Sustain our research.
Defend human dignity.
Defend human dignity.
Through the man Jesus, our brother.
Through the man Jesus, our brother.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.



BEING FRATERNAL: LEARNING ABOUT FATHER'S MERCY

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 EZEKIEL

The angel brought me, Ezekiel, back to the entrance of the temple of the LORD, "This water flows into the eastern district down upon the Arabah, and empties into the sea, the salt waters, which it makes fresh. Wherever the river flows, every sort of living creature that can multiply shall live, and there shall be abundant fish, for wherever this water comes the sea shall be made fresh. Along both banks of the river, fruit trees of every kind shall grow; their leaves shall not fade, nor their fruit fail. Every month they shall bear fresh fruit, for they shall be watered by the flow from the sanctuary. Their fruit shall serve for food, and their leaves for medicine."

(47,1.8-9.12)

LET US REFLECT

*God is exuberant, sometimes uncontrollable.
What we call "grace" is his action.*

Let us not miss his mercy. Sometimes we get the impression of being left alone, as though God cared nothing about us. Some people even think that He goes against us. The thought of God is something that is always with us and always to be investigated. That's why we cannot give up deepening the truth of faith and their dialogue with life.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Conquer our solitude.
Conquer our solitude.
Live in our hearts.
Live in our hearts.
In Jesus, our Lord.
In Jesus, our Lord.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.



BEING FRATERNAL: LEARNING ABOUT FATHER'S MERCY

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humanity that we become open to God, which we can sense something of his heart to re-translate into concrete actions the same mercy.

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

Sing out, O heavens, and rejoice, O earth, break forth into song, you mountains. For the LORD comforts his people and shows mercy to his afflicted. But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me." Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you. (49,13-15)

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Mould our hearts.

Mould our hearts.

Teach us mercy.

Teach us mercy.

According to the model of Jesus, our brother.

According to the model of Jesus, our brother.

Amen.

LET US REFLECT

The good is something to be pursued together. I can't only think of me and my petty interests; I cannot believe that I feel good all by myself. It's illusion to believe ourselves to be the centre of the world. It's by taking to heart the fate of

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.

FOREVER.



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AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN**

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE BOOK OF THE PSALMS

Our fathers made a calf in Horeb
and adored a molten image;
They exchanged their glory
for the image of a grass-eating bullock.
They forgot the God who had saved them,
who had done great deeds in Egypt,
Wondrous deeds in the land of Ham,
terrible things at the Red Sea.
(106/105,19-22)

LET US REFLECT

The short-term memory is a feature of all. It's not about age or being careless, sometimes we are just irresponsible, with the risk of deleting the asset/good received for superficiality. An exercise that could perhaps be good for us is to learn to say thank you! It means recognizing

that there is an abundance of good, attention, affection, it means that someone reserves a space in his life and wants our well-being. An exercise that we all can do, don't you think?

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Let us give thanks to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord.
Let us live faith intensively.
Let us live faith intensively.
He is our God, forever.
He is our God for ever.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.



BEING FRATERNAL: LEARNING ABOUT FATHER'S MERCY

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 JOHN

So Jesus cried out in the temple area as he was teaching and said, "You know me and also know where I am from. Yet I did not come on my own, but the one who sent me, whom you do not know, is true. I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me."
(7,28-29)

LET US REFLECT

Knowing God is not a theory or dogma, but a meeting that has the power to change your life. This is the reason and proposal of mission: the discovery of someone who knows how to give to your life its worth and express its richness.

Someone who trusts in you. Yes, because it is not making a special effort, but to open your freedom in the presence of God, to accept its mystery. Faith is just this.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Entrust us with the Gospel.
Entrust us with the Gospel.
Accompany us in the mission.
Accompany us in the mission.
In Jesus, the message of the Father.
In Jesus, the message of the Father.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.



BEING FRATERNAL: LEARNING ABOUT FATHER'S MERCY

LET US START OUR PRAYER

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LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

Some in the crowd who heard these words of Jesus said, "This is truly the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But others said, "The Christ will not come from Galilee, will he? Does not Scripture say that the Christ 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. (7,40-42)

LET US REFLECT

Here we are at the absolute question: Who is Jesus for you? What place does he occupy in your life? Can there be some experience to help us, but in the end the answer is in each of us we cannot be left pitifully in common places. It takes a lifetime to answer something that

flows from the word heard, from the events experienced and the ability always to keep the hearts open to the mystery of God that goes before us .Answers to life's questions: Who is Jesus for me?

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

We seek you in freedom.
We seek you in freedom.
We love you with our heart.
We love you with our heart.
Jesus, our Lord.
Jesus, our Lord.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.



THE HANDED OVER BODY

Let us remember the words of the Council: "For its part, authentic freedom is an exceptional sign of the divine image within man. For God has willed that man remain "under the control of his own decisions," so that he can seek his Creator spontaneously, and come freely to utter and blissful perfection through loyalty to Him. Hence man's dignity demands that he act according to a knowing and free choice."
(Gaudium et Spes n.17).



Taken from the green wood of the cross, Jesus' body was accepted into the arms of his Mother. Mary is dressed in brown: colour of the earth that receives the seed that dies to bring much fruit. Mary's look is particularly moving, as well as that of the Apostle John on the right side with his hands joined in a prayer of lament and supplication. The old Joseph of Arimathea, who will leave his tomb as the tomb for Jesus, is precariously balanced on a ladder: his courage led him up to Pilate to ask for Jesus' body, the body to be delivered to Mary, to the Church and all Christians throughout the centuries. At the bottom, on the right side, there is Nicodemus, who at night went to question Jesus about the meaning of life, which now, with a pair of tongs, removes the nail from the feet of Jesus. All the people present made compassionate gestures towards Jesus, they express their bond and, at the same time, their faith. In the story of the adulteress forgiven, Jesus saves the woman from condemnation by appealing to the conscience of his executioners: he who is without sin? The body pierced on the Cross is an offer of forgiveness and a request of repentance for humanity.

Master of the Tree of Life, Tree of Life, particularly "Deposition from the Cross", S. Maria Maggiore, Bergamo (photo studio Da Re)

BEING FREED: DISCOVERING THE DIGNITY OF JESUS

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 he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore." (8,9b-11)

LET US REFLECT

The Conscience is the most intimate of every man. The meeting place of the mystery of life and that which is eternal, that eternity that belongs only to God and is given value in time. Of course, we experience not just our fragility, but often we touch sin with our hands; the reality of "dirt" that is to mess up the threads of our daily lives.

But going beyond is the proposal of the Gospel, of this meeting which renews the life and return man to his dignity in the Christian community: a community of the pardoned.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

You have looked at us, Lord.
You have looked at us, Lord.
You have loved us.
You have loved us.
Now and forever.
Now and forever.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.



BEING FREED: DISCOVERING THE DIGNITY OF JESUS

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 PSALMS

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
Beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.
(23,1-3.6)

LET US REFLECT

Freedom is a great gift, the long history of the people in bondage and suffering of men imprisoned by the limits and flaws testifies to that. Who obstructs this gift arrogates powers and choices that do not enter his competence, who renounces declares its inability to meet the

challenges of life, he who believes to committed has already found a space that gives reason for their own dignity. Education for freedom is constantly discussing with the journey of faith because the encounter with God requires the highest availability and makes real our humanity.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Deliver us from fear.
Deliver us from fear.
Fill us with courage.
Fill us with courage.
In Jesus Christ, our strength.
In Jesus Christ, our strength.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.



BEING FREED: DISCOVERING THE DIGNITY OF JESUS

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

And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them.

(2,49-51)

LET US REFLECT

It is not possible to live the faith buckling only the remnants of life, as if it were an accessory or something to use in times of need. Familiarity with the mystery of God is not indifferent in everyday life, it cannot be forgotten in the educational, economic management, the political presence and

voluntary duties; it asks to give depth to our choices and allows us to express the best that we are. All this is for living as believers.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Enlighten our faith.
Enlighten our faith.
Enable us to witness.
Enable us to witness.
Through Christ our Lord.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.



BEING FREED: DISCOVERING THE DIGNITY OF JESUS

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 DANIEL

King Nebuchadnezzar said: "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you will not serve my god, or worship the golden statue that I set up? Be ready now to fall down and worship the statue I had made, whenever you hear the sound of the trumpet, flute, lyre, harp, psaltery, bagpipe, and all the other musical instruments; otherwise, you shall be instantly cast into the white-hot furnace; and who is the God who can deliver you out of my hands?"
(3,14-15)

LET US REFLECT

To whom should we entrust life? Is money enough? Can we be satisfied with the social prestige? Is health enough, as is often said? How many questions and how many still agitate in the heart of man in the diversity of ages and situations of life.

Who really gives us joy, that is, capable of illuminating our little story with meaning and value? Is this the search for faith, is this the way to God? It is not an empty theory, but an experience of God.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Grant us faith.
Grant us faith.
Teach us hope.
Teach us hope.
In the charity of Christ.
In the charity of Christ.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.



BEING FREED: DISCOVERING THE DIGNITY OF JESUS

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 JOHN

Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is worth nothing; but it is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' You do not know him, but I know him.
(8,54-55a)

LET US REFLECT

The mystery of God is fascinating. Has garnered the attention of peoples, cultures, has a long history. It is made poetry, painting, music and even philosophy. It has pushed the imagination and fed historical research. It has scrutinized the hardships and suffering, has illuminated the moments of joy. It's something that has always belonged to man and his

dignity. This is why Jesus becomes the point of reference: through him, God has been made known to us to be met, approached in the flesh and blood. This is the mystery of God's dialogue with life. Let us search for the silence that allows us to meet him.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

God is our life.
God is our life.
Our life is in God.
Our life is in God.
Christ Jesus has revealed it to us.
Christ Jesus has revealed it to us.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.



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 PSALMS

I love you, O LORD, my strength,
O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.
R. In my distress I called upon the Lord, and he
heard my voice.
My God, my rock of refuge,
my shield, the horn of my salvation, my
stronghold!
Praised be the LORD, I exclaim,
and I am safe from my enemies.
(18,1-4)

LET US REFLECT

*Love makes credible every action, specially
those which were done with a lot of sufferings.
And the value of the gesture of love cannot be
counted, because it entails the profound
involvement of oneself. It is marked by a
faithful relationship of love. On which one
entrusts to the other one's mystery. To accept
to live reciprocally which allows the other to*

*grow. Even faith cannot be without love. Even
faith asks to embrace life in order to discover
the infinite horizon of brotherhood and
communion.*

*The mystery of God makes us closer, and
enables us to truly love one another, without
limit.*

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

In the Mystery of love.
In the Mystery of Love.
We lay down our life
We lay down our life.
It is Jesus, our Lord.
It is Jesus, our Lord.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.



BEING FREED: DISCOVERING THE DIGNITY OF JESUS

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 EZEKIEL

Thus says the Lord GOD: I will take the children of Israel from among the nations to which they have come, and gather them from all sides to bring them back to their land. I will make them one nation upon the land, in the mountains of Israel, and there shall be one prince for them all. Never again shall they be two nations, and never again shall they be divided into two kingdoms. No longer shall they defile themselves with their idols, their abominations, and all their transgressions. I will deliver them from all their sins of apostasy, and cleanse them so that they may be my people and I may be their God.
(37,21-23)

LET US REFLECT

Free and Aware choices are signs of mature journey of life and which will never arrive to its end. But there is always the danger of

surrendering to some compromises, to that commodity which gives an immediate gratification. The discovery of the faithfulness of God is surely a support to the hardship of life, to that search of justice that go through the world and asks help above all for the poor. And we respond with responsibility to the question of poverty on which we are always put into question every day.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Give us courage to choose.

Give us courage to choose.

Give us the freedom to follow you.

Give us the freedom to follow you.

In Jesus, our Lord.

In Jesus, our Lord.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

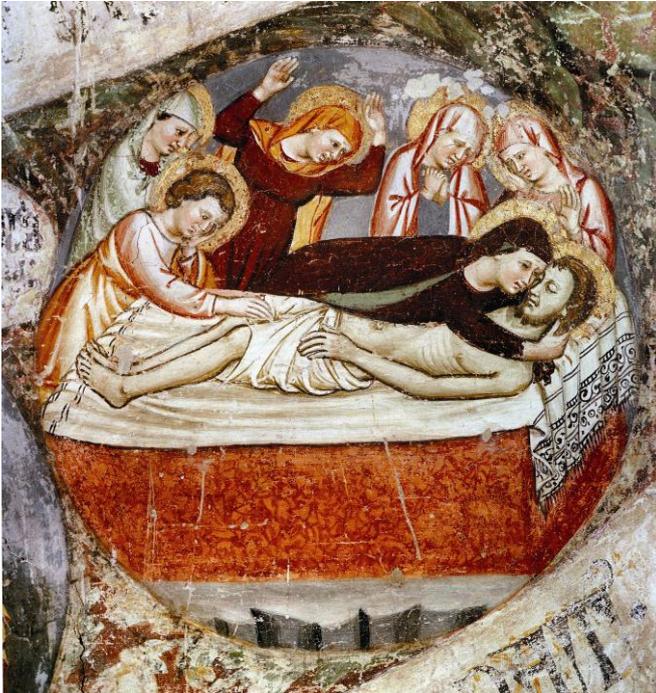
STAY WITH US, LORD.

FOREVER.



THE BELOVED BODY

Let us remember the words of the Council: "Since Christ died for all men, and since the ultimate vocation of man is in fact one, and divine, we ought to believe that the Holy Spirit in a manner known only to God offers to every man the possibility of being associated with this paschal mystery. Such is the mystery of man, and it is a great one, as seen by believers in the light of Christian revelation." (Gaudium et Spes n.22).



The Body of Jesus is composed on the rock for anointing. The Incarnated is lifeless, which demonstrates that really the Lord died for us. And around the dead, those who are dear to Him are crying. Mary is reclined on the body of her Son, almost manifesting her will to share the same fate of her Son, at the sides are the three women in prayer, while Maria of Magdala raises her arms towards heaven in a more concerned prayer. At the feet of Jesus is the apostle John who caresses the legs, while the left hand sustains the head: this seems like a contemplative attitude, of the one who will narrate in the fourth gospel the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. The body of Jesus is laid not in a blanket, but on the talled, a ritual shawl of Hebraic prayer whose fringes recall the law of the Hebrews, of which Jesus is the supreme completion: His death is the completion of the will of Father. Under the shawl-blanket the rock of anointment which the tradition wants to change from white to red because of the bloodshed by Jesus. The gesture of kneeling in the moment of death of Jesus, during the readings of the Passion, must be an attitude of the heart and of mind during the whole Holy Week.

Master of the Tree of Life, Tree of Life, particularly "Sorrow over Christ's body", S. Maria Maggiore, Bergamo (photo studio Da Re)

BEING AT THE SERVICE OF THE MISTERY OF MAN

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 ST. PAUL TO THE
PHILIPPIANS

Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance.

(2,6-7)

LET US REFLECT

The Lord thought, loved and desired us always. We are in His heart. It is this magnificent truth that introduces us in the Holy Days of Paschal. And it will be full of joy, marked by sharing, brotherhood and by faith. Every man, in the concreteness of his life and in the anxiety of his research, brings himself to that encounter with the mystery of death-resurrection of Christ

Jesus. Through this passage, from death to life, it is the discovery of a world which was entrusted to us. "I need God" wrote Pope Benedict in one of his book and this prayer will be our during these days. Have a fruitful Holy Week!

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

We look for your face.
We look for your face.
We entrust to You our freedom.
We entrust to You our freedom.
In Christ Jesus, our Lord.
In Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.



LET US START OUR PRAYER

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

not start from our openness to receive the gift of faith. It is something which does not belong to us, but allow us to respond fully to our human dignity.

LET US LISTEN TO THE WORD

FROM THE BOOK OF PROPHET ISAIAH

Thus says God, the LORD, I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of 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 HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Fill us with faith.
Fill us with faith.
Sustain the faith.
Sustain the faith.
Give us the charity of Christ.
Give us the charity of Christ.

LET US REFLECT

Why to believe? What is it that we can have from Jesus? The problems of the world seem to be increasing; the hardship and poverty multiplies, the violence doesn't stop. The Church is not immune from defects and corruption. And how God can serve us? On the level of reason, our faith can really waste lot of time, but it will be a real defeat if we will

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.



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, O islands, listen, O distant peoples.
The LORD called me from birth, from my
mother's womb he gave me my name. He
made of me a sharp-edged sword and
concealed me in the shadow of his arm. He
made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid
me. You are my servant, he said to me, Israel,
through whom I show my glory.
(49,1-3)

LET US REFLECT

*There is a mission which belongs to every
Christian: to live the gospel in everyday life.
The answer to the calling of the Lord passes
through the simple things, the relationship,
through the words, and gestures in order to put*

*into concrete the style of life the Word of God.
This is the journey of faith for everyone and for
the community.*

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Awaken in us the faith.
Awaken in us the faith.
Increase in us the communion.
Increase in us the communion.
And to find Jesus, as brother and Lord.
And to find Jesus, as brother and Lord.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.



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; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. He is near who upholds my right; if anyone wishes to oppose me, let us appear together. Who disputes my right? Let him confront me. See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong?
(50,7-9)

LET US REFLECT

And still more intense is the experience of faith which enter into dialogue with the event in the world, for reflecting the way to be a man and believer of the gospel. Justice, freedom, respect, dignity and peace are the horizon inside of which man is called to say something according to one's faith.

Most of the time, we think that they are too high for us, too much far but then we realize that they are the very simple friendly relationship and relation with others. This is the way to make concrete the witnessing.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Make us witnesses.

Make us witnesses.

Free us from fears.

Free us from fears.

In Jesus, testimony of the Father.

In Jesus, testimony of the Father.

Amen

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.

FOREVER.



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 when he had washed their feet and put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for you? 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."

(13,12-15)

LET US REFLECT

The Eucharist becomes Life, as that of Jesus. Let us go to the Eucharist, let us partake this bread, in order for us to become the image of the Eucharistic mystery. To be broken and to allow itself to be beaten is the terrible sensation which their Master had indicated to His disciples. It is not heroism nor sweetness of

doing good. It is an experience of faith, a response to a calling, a lived brotherhood, a realized communion. The Eucharist makes itself a service, so that the faith of everyone may touch the mystery and realize the community.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

You entrusted to us the Eucharistic bread.
You entrusted to us the Eucharistic bread.
You make us testimony of love.
You make us testimony of love.
In Jesus Christ, our Model.
In Jesus Christ, our Model.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.



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

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

When the dignity of man is being crushed by violence without sense and which harassed the little ones and the poor, when the future is being stripped off by the inconsistency of wickedness and Tyranny, then to return to the Calvary of Jesus is to assume the force of faith in order to change world.

Today, let us pray for a Church which knows how to remain on the Calvary and we share the faith of a Church called to truly stay with the poor. And even a small sacrifice brings us near to the Calvary of Jesus and that of many brothers.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

To be able to live in poverty.
To be able to live in poverty.
To be in-love of the gospel.
To be in-love of the gospel.
We look for You, Lord Jesus.
We look for You, Lord Jesus.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.



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 EASTER PROCLAMATION

This is the night when the pillar of fire destroyed the darkness of sin! This is the night when Christians everywhere, washed clean of sin, and freed from all defilement, are restored to grace and grow together in holiness. This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.

LET US REFLECT

The silence wrapped man. Frequently the experience of emptiness accompany many of our hardship, defeats, and even the desire to wipe it out. It is the sacrifice of learning, the separation of affection, the economic weakness, the political and social insecurity. These dimensions of life which continuously question each of us, the families, the community.

In this silence the word of faith asks to dwell, capable of opening the horizon and draw a sense that can be attributed to God for man and for his Story.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

In the silence of life.
In the silence of life.
With the desire to live in fullness.
With the desire to live in fullness.
We come to you, Lord Jesus.
We come to you, Lord Jesus.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

STAY WITH US, LORD.
FOREVER.



FAITH IN THE RISEN CHRIST

Let us remember the words of the Council: "For every benefit which the People of God during its earthly pilgrimage can offer to the human family stems from the fact that the Church is "the universal sacrament of salvation",(24) simultaneously manifesting and exercising the mystery of God's love."
(Gaudium et Spes n. 45).



Jesus is risen and present with his disciples, in the same way during the moments he is teaching them. His vestments are no longer red, but are white with a red colored lapel. It is the vestment of the Resurrection, the vestment of all the Baptized and has the pure color of light. Jesus demonstrates to Thomas the wound of His side and the sign of the nails on the hands: will these signs convert the heart of the doubting apostle? Thomas kneels in front of his refound Lord and pronounces the very simple and beautiful profession of faith: "My Lord and my God". The rest of the apostles see that scene and make of it a memory: the obstinate incredulity of Thomas became a testimony of faith for all the generations to come.

Master of the Tree of Life, Tree of Life,
particularly "the incredulity of St. Thomas",
S. Maria Maggiore, Bergamo (photo studio Da Re)

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 ST. PAUL TO THE
COLOSSIANS

Brothers and sisters: 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

*In faith we celebrate the Easter!
In the Easter we live the faith!
With this certainty we dwell in the history, we construct relationship, we realize dreams, we share the hardship, we serve the poorest of*

*poor, we educate the little ones ...
We make Easter because this world waits us
and on which the Lord sends us.*

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

The Light wraps us.
The Light wraps us.
The mystery penetrates us
The mystery penetrates us
Lord, resurrected for us.
Lord, resurrected for us.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

THE WORLD LIVES EASTER.
AND THE CROSS GLORIOUSLY SHINES.



THE MANDATE FOR THE ENTIRE WORLD

Let us remember the words of the Council: "Mindful of the Lord's saying: "by this will all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35), Christians cannot yearn for anything more ardently than to serve the men of the modern world with mounting generosity and success."
(Gaudium et Spes n.93).



In Galilea, in the "land of the gentiles" Jesus waits for his disciples in order to give the mandate to go throughout the world and to announce the gospel. The Risen, clothed with the vestment of victory with import of red as a remembrance of His passion and death, it is in front of his disciples knelt with the hands together: with a gesture of blessing them and blessing those in journey of giving testimony and announcing it to the whole world. In front of all there is Peter, the fundamental rock of the future Church, and John: are the two disciples who run to the tomb which they have found it empty in the morning of Easter. The faith of the Church is founded on the testimony of the Apostles and the power of the Holy Spirit which will descend upon them on the day of the Pentecost.

Master of the Tree of Life, Tree of Life,
particularly "Christ appears to the disciples in Galilee",
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THE MANDATE FOR THE ENTIRE WORLD

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

Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

(24,32-35)

LET US REFLECT

The way belongs to us like a place of giving testimony. A greeting, giving one's hand to other, a closeness, sometimes only a smile, yet that way can be truly change our days. And more than that can transform us as witnesses of the Risen One.

It is our convince story, done in words and gestures, which makes today credible the proclamation of the gospel. And this truly commits all of us.

LET US HOLD HANDS

OUR FATHER.....

LET US PRAY TOGETHER REPEATING

Capable of witnessing.

Capable of witnessing.

Transformed by Charity.

Transformed by Charity.

In Mission with Christ Jesus.

In Mission with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS

THE WORLD LIVES EASTER.

AND THE CROSS GLORIOUSLY SHINES.





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