



Let us pray

Bless us, O Lord, and bless the time and seasons
yet to come.

Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Fill this new year with your kindness,
that we may be glad and rejoice
all the days of our life.

Amen.

We pray with the Church and the World

General Intention of the Holy Father: *The Faith of Christians.* That in this *Year of Faith* Christians may deepen their knowledge of the mystery of Christ and witness joyfully to the gift of faith in him.

Missionary Intention: *Middle Eastern Christians.* That the Christian communities of the Middle East, often discriminated against, may receive from the Holy Spirit the strength of fidelity and perseverance.

During this year of 2013 the United Nations invites us to raise awareness, both the potential for increased cooperation, and the challenges facing water management in light of the increase in demand for water access, allocation and services.

As the year begins with the feast day of **Mary, Mother of God**, we pray with the words of Const. 1.6 *In her constant journeying, Mary Ward, the pilgrim, turned to the Mother of God for strength and solace. Placed with her Son, we too rely on the Mother of God to support us on our pilgrimage in the Institute.*

We pray with the Institute

As the New Year begins we pray for each other around the world and all our sisters in the Congregation of Jesus. We give thanks for our call to this company of friends and ask for understanding minds, listening ears and actions that are open and just.

We pray with and for all young women beginning candidacy or novitiate programs at this time. For their formators and those who accompany them in community, we ask a special blessing.

Throughout **Mary Ward week** beginning January 23rd let us pray for each other throughout the world and seek a blessing on each one.

We remember the province of **India** and the **region of Darjeeling** as they continue the discernment for new leadership during this month. We pray with them for guidance as they seek to ensure a vibrant future with a renewal of energy and mission in India, Darjeeling, Nepal and Bangladesh.

One Small Voice

What now, in the autumn of life? I want to call it the Glorious Period. This is so for me because I am choosing to spend time allowing God to love me. I wake up every morning grateful to be alive and when I feel actually well that is heaven and heaven abounds in joy.... I delight to be my age and I know that God will lavish much more on me before I close my eyes forever.

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