

## *Together we pray*

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,  
so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,

That we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation,

To recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we  
journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

(A Prayer for our Earth: Pope Francis: Laudato Si)

### CALL I:

**Reclaim the freshness of the Gospel, allowing Jesus to transform our lives**

*"I saw that the Sermon on the Mount was the whole of Christianity for him who wanted to live a Christian life. It is that Sermon which has endeared Jesus to me... And because the life of Jesus has the significance and the transcendency to which I have alluded, I believe that He belongs not solely to Christianity, but to the entire world, to all races and people – it matters little under what flag, name or doctrine they may work, profess a faith, or worship a God inherited from their ancestors.*

(Mahatma Gandhi. Extract taken from "Gandhi's Jesus" by Peter Gonzales SDB)

## *July 2015*



**LAUDATO SI**

Pope Francis encyclical  
on the environment

**“There is an intimate relationship between the poor  
and the fragility of the planet.”**

Laudato si: Pope Francis

## *We pray with the Church and the World*

### **Universal: POLITICS**

That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.

*“For all our limitations, gestures of generosity, solidarity and care cannot but well up within us, since we were made for love.”*

(Pope Francis Laudato Si 58)

### **Evangelization: THE POOR IN LATIN AMERICA**

That, amid social inequalities, Latin American Christians may bear witness to love for the poor and contribute to a more fraternal society.

*The rich and the poor have equal dignity, for “the Lord is the maker of them all”... This has practical consequences, such as those pointed out by the bishops of Paraguay: “Every campesino has a natural right to possess a reasonable allotment of land where he can establish his home ... This right must be guaranteed so that its exercise is not illusory but real.”*

(Pope Francis: Laudato Si 94)

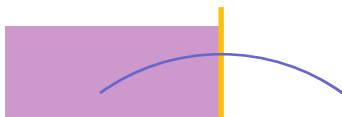
### **30<sup>th</sup> July: World Day against Trafficking in Persons**

*“Let us open our eyes to this crime and our hearts to the victims. It is time to say no to human trafficking.”*

(Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon)

## *We pray with the Institute*

- Let us remember in prayer the CJ and IBVM Sisters who will gather in London 11th July to 1st August to study and reflect on the the rich resources on Mary Ward, the history of her time and the history of the Institute.
- Let us pray for our pupils past and present, lay associates and co-workers especially those who have lost loved ones recently.
- We pray for our sisters, both CJ and IBVM, in places of conflict and war, disaster and violence.



### **JUST SOUL**



### **A JUST SOUL**

*“Let there be peace in the heavens, the Earth, the atmosphere, the water, the herbs, the vegetation, among the diving beings and in Brahman, the absolute reality. Let everything be at peace and in peace. Only then will we find peace.”*

Atharva Veda