

## A Gift of Hope

*God of all those who yearn for a glimmer of assurance on the long journey home to you, come! Come with a vast storehouse of renewed dreams, hopes and peacefulness.*

*God of Hope, come! Enter in my memory and remind me often of the yearning of the people of history. Stir up stories of how the ancestors hung on to your promises, how they stole hope from tiny glimmers about you, passed on from age to age. Help me to heed the loud, crying voices of the prophets who proclaimed that a new age would dawn!*

*God of Hope, come! Enter into this heart of mine which often loses itself in self, missing the message of your encouragement because I am so entangled in the web of my own whirl of life. Enable me to not lose sight of the poor in our presence or the truth of your consolation.*

*God of Hope, come! Enter into the lives of those I hold dear, the ones whose lives are marked with pain, struggle and deep anxiety, those whose lives bear ongoing heartaches, those whose difficulties threaten to overwhelm them with helplessness and despair. Come and gift them with a deep belief in you and your never-ending faithfulness and companionship.*

*God of Hope, come! Enter into every human heart that cries out for a glimpse of your love, for a sign of your welcoming presence, for a taste of your happiness. Be the one who calms the restless and gentles the aches of the human journey.*

*God of Hope, come! Enter into this Advent season with a grace of joy and laughter. Fill faces with smiles of delight and voices with sounds of pleasure. Let this gift come from deep within. Replenish all with the joyful blessings that only your peace can bring.*

*God of Hope, come! Be the Morning Star in our midst, the Light that can never go out, the Beacon of Hope guiding our way to you. Come into our midst and make of our lives a home, where your everlasting goodness resonates with assuring love and vigorous hope.*

Joyce Rupp



## House of Prayer 2018 November-December

Lord Jesus, master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

## Let us pray together for our communities, our Church and our world

- \* For all in leadership - may the Holy Spirit guide them in their discernment and decisions
- \* For all the people of God in need of light, healing, guidance in transition
- \* For the many ways that we exploit and destroy our planet, for an end to the build-up of nuclear arms and all weapons of mass destruction, for an end to violence against women and children and the elimination of human trafficking in all its forms
- \* For those who are deprived of chances in their lives, who feel they cannot use their talents as the circumstances do not make it possible
- \* For those who have been abused and live with the wound all their lives
- \* For all those suffering from oppression, disabilities, depression, trapped in cycles of violence, suffering the darkness of hate, shame and despair
- \* For Pope Francis and his ministry of inclusion, mercy, hope and all of his intentions
- \* For all those we have promised to pray for ... we remember



Migrant Son, come change our world

## Prayers for our Mary Ward Family

- \* Continuing until 2 December: IBVM Visitation— Bangladesh, India and Nepal (South Asia)
- \* 17 October - 7 November: CJ Consultation visit of the Zimbabwe Region
- \* 20 October - 30 November: CJ Consultation visit of the Delhi Province
- \* 1 November: All Saints Day - deceased loved ones
- \* 4 November 2018 - 30 June 2019: International Tertiarity in Bray, Ireland  
Anima Kujur, IBVM           Genevieve Maigrot, IBVM  
Gloria Lakra, IBVM        Lucy Nderi, IBVM  
Naomi Hamilton, CJ        Orla Treacy, IBVM  
Veneranda Lusuli, IBVM   Žofia Rusňáková, CJ
- \* November: Transition Events for IBVM Sisters in Canada who move to Presentation Manor
- \* November: Mary Ward in Liege - a long awaited commemoration plaque being installed
- \* 23 November and 23 December: Prayer for the Cause of Mary Ward
- \* 30 November and 30 December: Prayer for union
- \* 1 December: Agnesa Jenčíková CJ begins her term of office as Provincial of the Slovak Province

## Remembering Our Beloved Dead

- 11/9    Louisa Thuruthyil CJ, Delhi
- 24/9    Ilona Kiss CJ, Hungary/MEP
- 6/10    Ehrenfrieda Delsing CJ, MEP
- 7/10    Norah Hickey IBVM, Ireland
- 7/10    Savio Kavumpurathu CJ, Patna
- 9/10    Theophane Edattu CJ, Allahabad
- 14/10   Carmel O'Brien IBVM, Ireland
- 20/10   Eugene McGovern IBVM, England

