



*November 2013*

God our Father and Mother,  
extend our horizons,  
widen our vision,  
and remind us  
how inter-connected we are  
as your daughters and sons.  
Breathe your spirit into us  
that we may live more truly  
as sisters and brothers  
who care for one another. Amen

*Let us pray*

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

Words of Pope Francis at World Youth Day: July 28, 2013

*Where does Jesus send us? There are no borders, no limits: he sends us to everyone. The Gospel is for everyone, not just for some. It is not only for those who seem closer to us, more receptive, more welcoming. It is for everyone. Do not be afraid to go and to bring Christ into every area of life, to the fringes of society, even to those who seem farthest away, most indifferent. The Lord seeks all, he wants everyone to feel the warmth of his mercy and his love.*

In this month of remembering saints we reflect on the challenging words of #40 from Lumen Gentium: All Christians in whatever walk of life are called to holiness – the fullness of Christian life which leads to a more fully human way of living... they should use their Christ-given strength to become holy that, following in his footsteps and growing in his image, and doing the will of God in everything, they may wholeheartedly devote themselves to the glory of God and to the service of their neighbour. And so the holiness of the Church – the People of God – will grow and bear fruit, as the life of many a saint shows clearly.

## *We pray with the Institute*

In this month of November we remember our deceased sisters in all places and over all the years of faithfully witnessing to the Gospel of Jesus with the inspiration of Mary Ward. Your Son taught us that life is eternal and love cannot die. So death is only a horizon – the limits of our sight. We ask that we might be drawn closer to Jesus so that we might know that we are nearer to these loved ones who are with him.

We rejoice with the province of Eastern Africa as they celebrate the Perpetual Profession of Mary Kamotho, Penina Adhiambo, Basilisa Mmbone and Lenah Mambo on 30<sup>th</sup> November. Let us pray in thanksgiving for this commitment.

The Preparatory Committee for the General Congregation meets in Rome this month from 4<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup>. We pray for Catherine Ryan and Bardis Seabury (facilitators), Brenda Eagan, Maria Bongiorno, Monica Suchiang, Chris Goodman, Marie-Ange Lim Kim Yee, Judy Nekesa, Barbara Murphy and Carmen Diston as they gather the fruits of the second process and prepare material for the province/region congregations. May the Spirit move freely among them.

We pray for our younger members in Temporary Profession - in groups or alone in every province, that they may be conscious of our love, prayers and support as they seek to cherish the vocation within by *patterning their lives more on Jesus Christ in his unconditional love.* (C.5.32)

## *One Small Voice*

When I think of the greatness  
of God's plan,  
I fall on my knees  
before God the Father.  
From his great wealth  
may he give us power through his Spirit  
that we may grow strong within.  
Through faith, may we discover  
that Christ has made his home  
within each of us.

Then with our roots and foundations  
firmly built on God's love,  
may we, with all of his saints,  
grasp just how wide and long  
and high and deep  
is Christ's love.  
Yes, may we come to experience  
for ourselves the love of Christ  
so that we may be filled completely  
with God himself.

This prayer we ask of God  
who can accomplish far more  
than we could ever ask for or imagine. Amen.

Based on Ephesians 3:14-21