

# November 2015



## A Thanksgiving prayer

**by Joyce Rupp**

May an abundance of gratitude  
burst forth as you reflect  
upon what you have received.  
May thanksgiving overflow in your heart,  
and often be proclaimed in your prayer.  
May you gather around the table  
of your heart the ardent faithfulness, kindness,  
and goodness  
of each person who is true to you.  
May the harvest of your good actions  
bring forth plentiful fruit each day.  
May you discover  
a cache of hidden wisdom  
among the people and events  
that have brought you distress and sorrow.

May your basket of blessings surprise you  
with its rich diversity of gifts  
and its opportunities for growth.  
May all that nourishes  
and resources your life  
bring you daily satisfaction  
and renewed hope.  
May you slow your hurried pace of life  
so you can be aware of, and enjoy,  
what you too easily take for granted.  
May you always be open, willing,  
and ready to share  
your blessings with others.  
May you never forget the Generous One  
who loves you lavishly and unconditionally.



## Sing a new Church:

This is the Church, the vineyard of the Lord, the fertile Mother and the caring Teacher, who is not afraid to roll up her sleeves to pour oil and wine on people's wound; who doesn't see humanity as a house of glass to judge or categorize people. This is the Church, One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic and composed of sinners, needful of God's mercy. This is the Church, the true bride of Christ, who seeks to be faithful to her spouse and to her doctrine. It is the Church that is not afraid to eat and drink with prostitutes and publicans. The Church that has the doors wide open to receive the needy, the penitent, and not only the just or those who believe they are perfect! The Church that is not ashamed of the fallen brother and pretends not to see him, but on the contrary feels involved and almost obliged to lift him up and to encourage him to take up the journey again and accompany him toward a definitive encounter with her Spouse, in the heavenly Jerusalem.

Pope Francis Closing of the Synod



## We celebrate with the World:



**November 6<sup>th</sup>** International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict: Though mankind has always counted its war casualties in terms of dead and wounded soldiers and civilians, destroyed cities and livelihoods, the environment has often remained the unpublicized victim of war. Water wells have been polluted, crops torched, forests cut down, soils poisoned, and animals killed to gain military advantage.

**November 10<sup>th</sup>** is the UN World Science Day for Peace and Development in order to encourage all the nations for a responsible use of science for the benefit of society and in particular for the eradication of poverty and for human security.

**November 16<sup>th</sup>** is the UN International Day for Tolerance. The Declaration affirms that tolerance is neither indulgence nor indifference. It is respect and appreciation of the rich variety of our world's cultures, our forms of expression and ways of being human.



## We remember:

All of our women of faith who have been called into eternal life. They passed on the witness of Mary Ward. We rejoice, we celebrate and we give thanks.

The province of Eastern Africa as they celebrate the First Profession of **Eunice Njeri Ndabih, Maria Nyamusi Nyachieo, Maureen Ann Wanyora, Nancy W.Mugo, Olivia Oswald Nestory, Rainer B.Boniface, Roselyne Bomareri Ayienda, Tumusiime Mary Santrina** on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Let us pray in thanksgiving for this new stage in their lives.

Our sisters in South Sudan who will have Igora and Macarena with them at the beginning of this month. Let's pray for our Mission in Rumbek and for Colette Deasy who will join the community this month.



## Thinking:



"When we learn how to say goodbye we truly learn how to say to ourselves and others: 'Go, God be with you'".

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