



Prayer Vigil

110th WUCWO

ANNIVERSARY

1. OPENING

On this WUCWO anniversary we are celebrating, let us remember the meaning of our mission as women called to holiness, for the evangelisation of the world and integral development, being fully committed to serving the Lord by bearing fruit in our Church, society and the world today.

This is an invitation to reflect on whether we are heated up with the love of Christ and the mission entrusted to us, bearing in mind the importance of unity and permanence in the Lord.

2. READING

Read the Gospel of May 13, *John 15:1-8*

3. **HYMN** (Select a hymn related to the Meditated Reading of the Gospel)

4. SYMBOL

It is time to reflect if we are truly remaining in the Vine which is Christ, who calls us to a permanent conversion of heart. Let us present to the Lord as an offering those things that prevent us from being united to Him.

While listening to a hymn that invites us to reflect, we will be placing some seeds in a basket with soil that will be at the foot of the Altar, representing the commitment we will take to always bear fruit. Then we will take a biblical quote from the Holy Scriptures and make our personal prayer with it.

Possible quotes: *Lev. 20:26; Lk 8:16; Jn15:16; Mt 5:48; Rom.8:28; Phil. 4:13; 1 Peter 1:15-16; Col. 3:12*. Print them out beforehand and leave them by the altar with a sign that says: "Jesus wants to talk to you."

5. MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS (*these excerpts, taken from the apostolic exhortation Gaudete Et Exsultate, are read out*)

We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves (par.14).

May you come to realize what that word is, the message of Jesus that God wants to speak to the world by your life. Let yourself be transformed. Let yourself be renewed by the Spirit, so that this can happen, lest you fail in your precious mission (par.24).

6. INVITATION TO COMMIT OURSELVES

- We are women of faith, **called** to remain in Christ to reach holiness through the Eucharist and Sacraments, listening to the Word of God and personal prayer.
- We are women of faith, **willing** to make Christ's love a tangible reality in our lives.
- We are women of faith, **committed** to transmitting the faith through the testimony of life, words and actions that reflect the love of God and his infinite mercy.
- We are women of faith, **supportive** of our neighbours in their joys and sorrows.
- We are women of faith, **chosen** by Christ to guard the precious gift of faith.
- We are women of faith, **open** to finding new creative and audacious ways to offer young people spaces of encounter and growth where they can discover and discern their vocation within our organisations.

7. UNIVERSAL PRAYER

- a. We ask you, Lord, for the most needy and vulnerable members of our families, that we may discover in them your face as a sign that you are present in every family.
- b. We ask You, Lord, to help us listen to those living in poverty, affected by environmental devastation, so that together we may care for our common home.
- c. We ask You, Lord, to eradicate verbal, psychological, physical and sexual violence against women, and for us to be committed to helping them believe in a tomorrow with hope.
- d. We ask You, Lord, for each of our members that we may live the call to holiness with courage and commitment in the conditions, duties and circumstances of our life.

8. FINAL THANKSGIVING

Christian prayer in union with creation

Father, we praise you with all your creatures. They came forth from your all-powerful hand; they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love. Praise be to you!

Son of God, Jesus, through you all things were made. You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother, you became part of this earth, and you gazed upon this world with human eyes. Today you are alive in every creature in your risen glory. Praise be to you!

Holy Spirit, by your light you guide this world towards the Father's love and accompany creation as it groans in travail. You also dwell in our hearts and you inspire us to do what is good.

Praise be to you!

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you.

Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made.

Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out.

O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty. Praise be to you!

Amen.

Pope Francis, Encyclical *Laudato Si'*.

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