

**Prayer for the extraordinary mission month
October 2019**

Heavenly Father,
When your only begotten Son Jesus Christ rose from the dead, he commissioned his followers to “go and make disciples of all nations” and you remind us that through our Baptism we are made sharers in the mission of the Church.

Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be courageous and zealous in bearing witness to the Gospel, so that the mission entrusted to the Church, which is still very far from completion, may find new and efficacious expressions that bring life and light to the world.

Help us make it possible for all peoples to experience the saving love and mercy of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

Our Father

With Mary

With Mary, Star of the new Evangelization, we proceed with trust on the paths where the Lord is waiting for us.



Song to Mary

May the Lord's Blessings descend upon us, and may they shower on us and around us joy, peace, love and hope. Amen!

On the way towards
the month extraordinary
missionary - October 2019



PRAYER
APRIL 2019

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit! Amen!

The joy of the Gospel n° 117

"It is the Holy Spirit who brings forth a rich variety of gifts, while he creates unity which is never uniformity but a multifaceted and inviting harmony"

Today, the 11th April anniversary of the foundation of our Congregation, we thank God for the Gift of the Spirit who has instilled the missionary and generous ardour in Saint Jeanne Antide, her love for the Church and her immense tenderness.



LET US SING OUR THANKSGIVING!

Let us recall to mind the paths of the Spirit

Jeanne Antide repeats the words she was told at Landeron, the day when she was sent to the mission:

" You will gather the youths whom you will form as you have been formed and you will come to Besançon to set up an establishment for the instruction of youth and to assist the sick ."



Refrain

Foundation Day :

" I opened at Besançon, rue des Martelots,, a school free of charge to teach the young girls...I was alone to teach, but the Good God deigned himself to lavish on me His Blessing..."



Refrain

Later, in 1805, Jeanne Antide wrote :

"If we established ourselves at Besançon, we did not ask for it: we established ourselves through Providence and because of the repeated invitations that had been made to us."



Refrain

Psalm 121

Ant. *The Lord, your guardian, is near you.*

I lift my eyes to the mountains
Where is help to come from?
Help comes to me from the Lord
Who made heaven and earth

Not letting our footsteps slip,
This guard of yours, he does not doze
The guardian of Israel
Does not doze or sleep

The Lord guards you, shades you,
The Lord at your right hand,
Sun cannot strike you down by day,
Not moon at night.

The Lord guards you from harm,
He guards your lives.
He guards you leaving, coming back,
Now and forever always. Glory be

The work of grace very often begins humbly..without noise... It passes by un-perceived. When a seed falls on the ground, it is invisible, it cannot be seen at all... It seems as if it died in the soil. But it is then that it begins to germinate. The seeds penetrate the grain's covering and begin to appear. The same thing happens with God's Kingdom and his works.

From the gospel of St. Matthew, 13, 31-32.

“Jesus put another parable before the crowd:

« The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter on its branches.»

Some moments of silence.



Hymn

At the service of God's people

The Gospel of Joy n°130

"A sure sign of the authenticity of a charism is... its ability is to be integrated harmoniously into the life of God's holy and faithful people for the good of all.... To the extent that a charism is better directed to the heart of the Gospel, its experience will be more ecclesial. It is in communion, even when this proves painful, that a charism is seen to be authentic and mysteriously fruitful."



Hymn

Today, Lord Jesus, your Spirit is preparing the hearts so that the Word may bear fruit.

Today, Lord, you send your Church along the roads of the world. With St. Jeanne Antide let us love the Church and pray for her:

Lord, listen to us. Lord, hear us.

- Lord, grant to the baptised, to let themselves be guided by you on the path where you are sending them!
- Grant to all the christian to attentive to your presence already at work in the heart of all peoples!
- Grant to priests and to the deacons to lead to the Source so that the water that gives life will spring out !
- Blessed are you for the Gift of our Congregation, for all the sisters everywhere, for the Friends of Saint Jeanne Antide!

For the Poor

When Jesus started to announce the Kingdom, crowds of poor people fol-lowed him: did He not say: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he anointed me and sent me to bring the Good News to the poor" (Lk. 4,18) The poor have a chosen place in God's heart... The poor have a chosen place in Jeanne Antide's heart.

- "We have heard the voice of the poor" ...
- "Serve Jesus Christ in the person of the poor" ...
- "The poor, these precious members of the suffering Jesus Christ"