

Guide n. 2: Let us pray as we ask the intercession of St. Jeanne Antide with the words that flow from the heart of the young Sisters when they speak about our Foundress. Let us repeat together: **Thank you oh Lord.**

1st Reader: "For me, Jeanne Antide is the model of a life totally given to God. She is the model of a woman who has lived a fully spiritual life, while putting all her trust in God alone". *Let us pray...*

2nd Reader: "Lord, help us to live all the more for You and for the poor, as we renounce to all that separates us from You. May the trust that we put in You, like that of Jeanne Antide, help us to accept to be formed daily by You". *Let us pray...*

1st Reader: "For me, Jeanne Antide is a model of perseverance in trials. She always invites me to go ahead, while telling me that God will fulfil all my needs". *Let us pray...*

2nd Reader: "Jeanne Antide is a strong woman, a daughter of the Church, the Spouse of Christ". *Let us pray...*


Guide n. 1: May St. Jeanne Antide support us in this journey of faith and service. May we continue together to render alive and topical her charism, which is God's gift to the Church and to each one of us and may our "Yes", in communion with that of our young Sisters, strengthen our determination to live courageously the daily gift of the service to the poor.

In communion with all the Sisters of Charity scattered around the globe, we pray:

Our Father...

Guide n. 2: Let us conclude our prayer meeting in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Assembly: Amen!

 **Final song:** to St. Jeanne Antide.

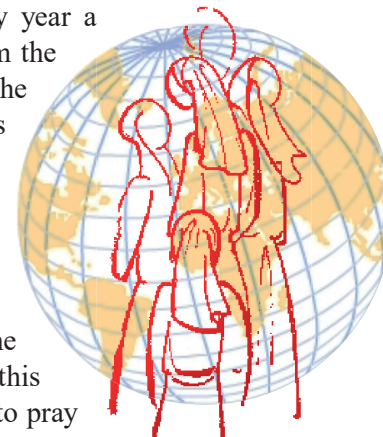


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You are the vine,
and we are the branches!



Prayer for the month of July 2024

Guide n. 1: We are blessed, because every year a certain number of young Sisters hailing from the various geographical territories pronounce the Final Vows. In order to be prepared for this moment, they follow a formation programme, both in the Province to which they belong and even together as a Congregation group, during an international month, by participating in a pilgrimage to the significant places for us Sisters of Charity. This summer, during the month of July, 15 Juniors will participate in this journey with their formators. We invite you to pray in communion with them and in thanksgiving for their "Yes". May their "Yes" lead us to renew ours!



In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Song: to the Holy Spirit.

1st Reader: In our Rule of Life, we read in article 1.1.1. «*To love Christ Jesus, to love and serve the poor who are His members, to show them the love of the Father, this is the charism and mission which St. Vincent de Paul and St. Jeanne Antide received from God*».

In article 1.2.1 «*... we offer our whole life for the glory of the Father so that the Kingdom may be proclaimed to the poor*».

Guide n. 2: As Sisters of Charity of St. Jeanne Antide Thouret, we have been chosen to live this life of prayer and service, entirely devoted to the others. As a sign of thanksgiving, alongside the young junior sisters on a pilgrimage, let us recall the Lord's love that has guided us up to the present day.

Let us sing, Psalm 138 (137) at alternate choirs.

I will praise you Lord, with all my heart: *
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the “gods” I will sing your praise. *
I will bow down toward your holy temple.

I will praise your name *
for your unfailing love and your faithfulness,
for you have so exalted your solemn decree *
that it surpasses your fame.

When I called, you answered me; *
you greatly emboldened me.
May all the kings of the earth praise you, Lord, *
when they hear what you have decreed.

May they sing of the ways of the Lord, *
for the glory of the Lord is great.
Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; *
though lofty, he sees them from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, *
you preserve my life.
You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes; *
with your right hand you save me.

The Lord will vindicate me; *
your love, Lord, endures forever
do not abandon *
the works of your hands.

Glory be to the Father...

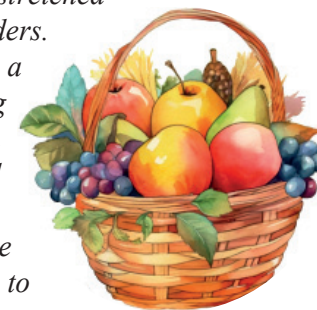


Guide n. 1: We know that the Lord has journeyed with each one of us along our history, both during our beautiful and less beautiful times. During their preparatory year, the young Sisters have been invited to go through the Lord’s passing in their life and to deepen the thanksgiving that dares to face the inevitable difficulties. They tell us: *“Religious life is not always easy, but I have encountered fraternity and consolation in the midst of the difficulties that I experienced. I have found peace”*. ♦ *“I have gradually learned to overcome the withdrawals and I had the daring to make steps with the blessing of His Love”*. ♦ *“My gladness is the one that is built day by day”*.

1st Reader: Let us listen to the Word of God that invites us to recognise the Lord’s supreme action and to offer him our best gifts (according to the community’s dimensions, this can be simply done by staying in silence or by offering some “symbols”, if the community is smaller ...).

2nd Reader: From the Book of Deuteronomy (26, 1-11)

«When you have entered the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, take some of the first fruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the Lord your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name and say to the priest in office at the time, “I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the land the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.” The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the Lord your God. Then you shall declare before the Lord your God: “My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labour. Then we cried out to the Lord, the God of our ancestors, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; and now I bring the first fruits of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.” Place the basket before the Lord your God and bow down before him. Then you, the Levites, and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household».



***A moment of silence and thanksgiving follows,
so that each one can put her “first fruits” at God’s feet.***

3rd Reader: Jeanne Antide tells us in the Circular of 28 December 1812: *«Maintain, then, the work of God, which you have helped us to do; maintain it, and maintain yourselves in the primitive spirit, so that your future Sisters may walk in your steps. You are my first Sisters and Daughters; I love you more than the most tender of all mothers, not only for time but also for the future and eternally happy life».*