

**Guide n. 1:** Let us now present to God what resounds in our heart, inviting everyone to be united to our spontaneous prayers of intercession. After every invocation, we answer:

*Teach us, oh Lord,  
to serve the brothers and sisters  
in the spirit of the Gospel.*

**Guide n. 2:** Let us feel united with all the Sisters of Charity scattered in the world to invoke the gift of Peace. Together, we say:

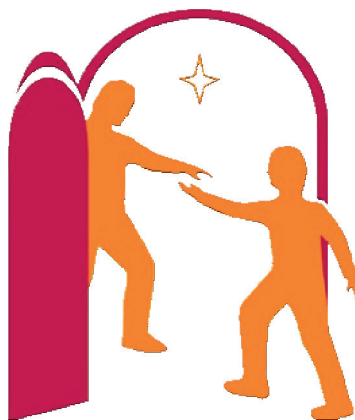
**Our Father...**

**Guide n. 1:** Oh Father, who does everything out of love and are the surest defence of the humble and the poor, give us a heart free from all idols, to serve You alone and to love the brothers and sisters according to the Spirit of your Son, transforming the New Commandment into the only law of life. Through Christ our Lord.

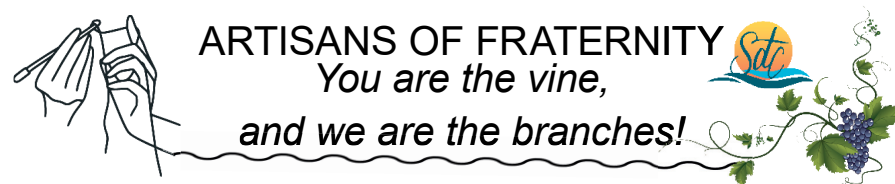
**Assembly:** *Amen!*

**Guide n. 2:** May the Lord bless us, protect us from every evil and lead us to eternal life.

**Assembly:** *Amen!*



 **Final chant.**



Prayer for the month of November 2024

**Guide n. 1:** «*Christian hope embraces the certainty that our prayer reaches God's presence; not just any prayer but rather the prayer of the poor*». Pope Francis utters these words in the message for the Eighth day of the poor that falls on the 17 November. Its title, "*The prayer of the poor rises up to God*" (Sir 21, 5) is linked to the year 2024, dedicated to prayer, in view of the Jubilee of 2025.



The common thread of the book of Sirach is the certainty that the poor have a privileged place in the Lord's heart, to such an extent that, in front of their suffering, God cannot wait until he renders justice. However, nobody is excluded from His heart, because we are all needy before Him. We are all beggars because we are nothing without God. With humble and poor hearts, we pray through the intercession of Jeanne Antide who prayed God with the following words in 1821: «*O God, deign to make your goodness and mercy shine forth, deign to hear O God, my humble prayer. I am only weakness, sin and ignorance, and I can do nothing without you*».

 **Song.**

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

**Guide n. 2:** Blessed be our God, at all times, now and forever. Amen.

**All:** *Blessed be our God, at all times, now and forever. Amen.*

**1st Reader:** Blessed be God, who hears the prayer of the poor and sustains the orphan and the widow.

**All:** *Blessed be our God, at all times, now and forever. Amen.*

**2nd Reader:** Blessed be God who hears the prayer of the migrant and supports the prostitute and the repented thief.

**All:** *Blessed be our God, at all times, now and forever. Amen.*

**1st Reader:** Blessed be God who hears the prayer of the ill-treated woman and sustains the prisoners and the forgotten.

**All:** *Blessed be our God, at all times, now and forever. Amen.*

**2nd Reader:** Blessed be God, who hears the prayer of the suffering person and sustains the excluded and the oppressed.

**All:** *Blessed be our God, at all times, now and forever. Amen.*

**Guide n. 1:** O God, who rejects the proud and bestows your grace on the humble, hear the cry of the poor and the oppressed that rises up to You from every part of the earth: break the yoke of violence and selfishness that makes us strangers to one another. Help us to welcome each other as brothers and sisters, so that we may become a sign of the humanity renewed in your love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

 **Alleluia.**

**1st Reader:** From the Gospel according to Luke (18, 9-14)

*«To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: “God, I thank you that I am not like other people—*

*robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.” “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, “God, have mercy on me, a sinner”. “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.»*



 **Alleluia.**

**Guide n. 2:** Psalm 33 reminds us that *«The Lord is close to the broken-hearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit. The Lord will rescue his servants; no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned»*; the Lord will take into account the repentance of the tax collector, of his sorrow, for the evil committed and of his humiliation in front of God.

Even the Book of Sirach reminds us that: *«The prayer of the humbler pierces the clouds, and it will never stop until it draws near to God. It will never withdraw until the Most High takes notice»*;

Thus God will intervene with his pardon to heal the humble who cries to him from the misery of his sin; the humble, has no merits to assert himself, but he expects everything from God's love. He will receive from Him, abundant mercy and forgiveness.



*Prayerful silence.*

**Guide n. 1:** From the Message of Pope Francis 2024: *«The World Day of the Poor has now become a fixture for every ecclesial community. It is a pastoral opportunity not to be underestimated, for it challenges every believer to listen to the prayer of the poor, becoming aware of their presence and needs. It is an opportune occasion to implement initiatives that concretely help the poor and to recognize and support the many volunteers who dedicate themselves passionately to those who are most in need. Prayer, then, is verified by authentic charity that manifests itself as encounter and proximity»*.

Time for personal prayer.

**Guide n. 2:** *Let us pray together.*

Lord Jesus, You who became poor for us and you came not to be served but to serve, grant us to learn how to love the others and to help them in the urgencies of life.

You, who in the work of redemption, created a new world, help us to build the civilisation of love, in the spirit of the Gospel.