

He stills the storm to a whisper *
 the waves of the sea are hushed.
 They are glad when it grows calm, *
 and he guides them to their desired haven.

Glory be to the Father...

Ant. Let us celebrate the Lord for his goodness
 and for his marvels in favour of humankind.

Guide n. 2: Let us present to God what has resounded in our heart and invite everyone to join us in our spontaneous prayers of intercession. After each invocation, we answer: *Lord, you are our hope.*

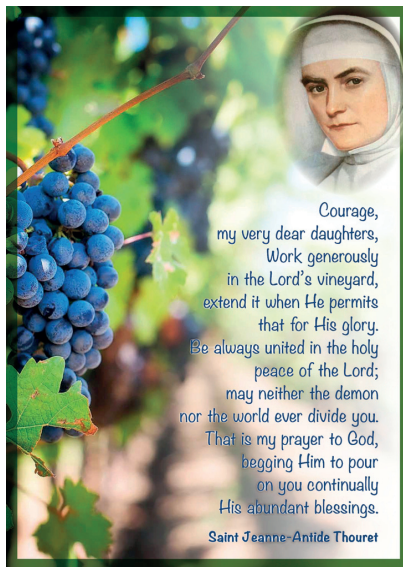
Guide n. 1: Alongside all the Sisters of Charity scattered throughout the world, let us pray for the gift of Peace, of mercy and forgiveness, as we say together:

Our Father...

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

Assembly: *Amen!*

*Courage,
 my very dear daughters,
 Work generously
 in the Lord's vineyard,
 extend it when He permits
 that for His glory.
 Be always united in the holy
 peace of the Lord;
 may neither the demon
 nor the world ever divide you.
 That is my prayer to God,
 begging Him to pour
 on you continually
 His abundant blessings.*
Saint Jeanne-Antide Thouret



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*You are the vine,
 and we are the branches!*



Prayer for the month of January 2025

Guide n. 1: Saint Jeanne Antide said that, "she would have crossed the seas" (from the "Supreme Witnessing" written after the death of Mother Thouret).

In this famous expression, we recognise Jeanne Antide's missionary zeal. She is fully certain that "our neighbour is everywhere, God is everywhere and that is enough for us!" Just after the opening of the Holy Door, we can also find in it, the echo of the great "jubilee sign of the pilgrimage": a call to set out not only physically but also spiritually, for an inner transformation that radiates out over all aspects of our existence. "Crossing the seas": taking a distance from the world, consists in a new inner birth in view of a renewed relationship with God, alongside a renewed relationship with the brothers and sisters.



 **Song.**

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

Guide n. 2: To Christ, origin of creation, head of the Church and the centre of history, let us say with a serene and humble spirit:

Jesus, Saviour and Lord, Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Good Shepherd, you have offered your life for the sheep, Christe eleison.

Christe eleison.

Redeemer, you have been elevated from earth and powerfully draw everything to your heart, Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Saviour, you set the oppressed free, you strengthen the weak and assemble those who are lost, Christe eleison.

Christe eleison.

 **Final song.**

King of kings and Lord of lords, Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Guide n. 1: As we stand in front of the Risen Lord, we celebrate his presence while we invoke his help to lead us in our journey of inner transformation. Lord Jesus, give us the strength to deal with our complex hearts and minds, while we implore from you a deep inner change. Let us pray together:

Fill us oh Father, with your Son our Lord Jesus Christ.

We come to You, to implore and welcome

*Your healing work in us,
through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Fill us oh Father, with your Son our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.



Song of Alleluia.

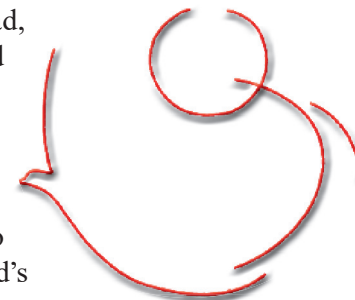
Reader: From the Gospel according to Luke (5,1-11)

«One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret; the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man"».



Prayerful silence.

Guide n. 2: Jesus is not impressed by Peter's inadequacies, nor by ours. He looks ahead, creates the future, opens up new and unexpected paths: ***Put out into deep water:*** you will meet men and women, and together with them you will try to breathe with a renewed breath, the one vivified by the Holy Spirit. Together with them, you will try to raise your eyes to heaven to welcome God's consolation. Together with them, you will try to live a new life, that of Jesus!



Personal prayer.

Guide n. 1: Jeanne Antide's missionary zeal, sustained and nourished by her inner journey in the company of the Lord Jesus, reached its definitive peak in Heaven. The Church assured us of this through her Canonisation, which we commemorate on the 14th of this month. Together with her and with Psalm 107, "let us acknowledge the works of the Lord, let us shout to the Lord and celebrate the journey of life that will lead us to the longed-desired haven".

Let us proclaim the psalm in two alternative choirs.

Ant. Let us celebrate the Lord for his goodness
and for his marvels in favour of humankind.

Some go out on the sea in ships *
they are merchants on the mighty waters,
they see the works of the LORD *
his wonderful deeds in the deep.

For he speaks and stirs up a tempest *
that lifts high the waves.
They mount up to the heavens; *
in their peril their courage melts away.

They reel and stagger like drunkards *
they were at their wits' end.
Then they cry out to the LORD *
and he brings them out of their distress.