

**Guide n. 2:** : In the Circular letter of 28 December 1812, Jeanne Antide tells us: «*Maintain then, the work of God (...) maintain it, and maintain yourselves in the primitive spirit, so that the future Sisters may walk in your steps. Encouraged by your example they will maintain themselves; and those who will follow them will imitate them. 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*».


**Guide n. 1:** Let us recite together the prayer of the Jubilee 2025.

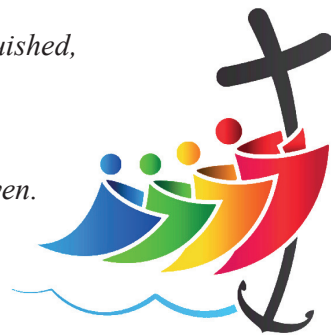
*Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.  
May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both humanity  
and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.  
May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.  
Amen!*

*Franciscans*

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

**Assembly:** *Amen!*

 **Song of the Jubilee.**



**ARTISANS OF FRATERNITY**  
*You are the vine,  
and we are the branches!*



Prayer for the month of February 21025

*The feast of the Presentation of Christ,  
in the spirit of the Jubilee,  
calls us to give our life  
with trust and joy!*



**Guide n. 1:** The jubilee Year and its many events sustain our faith and give new impulse to our desire to follow Christ as a family-congregation. On 2nd February, we commemorated with the whole Church the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, world day of consecrated life. We have heard this call to strengthen our faith in a spirit of trust and openness. As the Pope said in his homily on 2nd February 2016: «Consecrated men and women are called first and foremost to be men and women of encounter. Indeed, the vocation does not originate from a plan we have designed “*on the drawing board*”, but from a grace of the Lord which touches us, through a life-changing encounter. Those who truly encounter Jesus cannot remain the same as before. He is the novelty that makes all things new. Those who experience this encounter become witnesses and make the encounter possible for others; they also promote the culture of encounter, avoiding the self-referentiality that makes us stay closed off within ourselves». In our daily lives, let us move forward on a journey of encounter with God and with our brothers and sisters as witnesses of hope!

 **Song of the Jubilee.**

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

**Guide n. 2:** Let us listen to some extracts from the Encyclical of Pope Francis “*Fratelli tutti*”, who invites us to this encountering journey .

**1st Reader:** (Par. 87) «Human beings are so made that they cannot live, develop and find fulfilment except “in the sincere gift of self to others”. Nor can they fully know themselves apart from an encounter with other persons:

“I communicate effectively with myself only insofar as I communicate with others” (...) No one can experience the true beauty of life without relating to others, without having real faces to love. This is part of the mystery of authentic human existence. “Life exists where there is bonding, communion, fraternity; and life is stronger than death when it is built on true relationships and bonds of fidelity. On the contrary, there is no life when we claim to be self-sufficient and live as islands: in these attitudes, death prevails”. ».

 **Refrain: Ubi Caritas...**

**2nd Reader:** (Par.88) «In the depths of every heart, love creates bonds and expands existence, for it draws people out of themselves and towards others. Since we were made for love, in each one of us “a law of ekstasis” seems to operate: “the lover ‘goes outside’ the self to find a fuller existence in another”. For this reason, “man always has to take up the challenge of moving beyond himself”.».

 **Refrain: Ubi Caritas...**

**1st Reader:** (Par.95) «Love also impels us towards universal communion. No one can mature or find fulfilment by withdrawing from others. By its very nature, love calls for growth in openness and the ability to accept others as part of a continuing adventure that makes every periphery converge in a greater sense of mutual belonging. As Jesus told us: “You are all brothers”» (Mt 23,8).



**Guide n. 1:** Let us read the evangelical text of the Good Samaritan, that invites us “to the path of the encounter”, as the place to which we are called to take care of the others, whoever they are.

 **Song: Alleluia.**

**2nd Reader: From the Gospel according to Luke** (10, 25-37)

«On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’” “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live. “But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbour? “In

reply, Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii[c] and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise” ».



Moments of silence.

**Guide n. 2:** Let us pray together Psalm 132.

How good and pleasant it is \*  
when God’s people live together in unity!

It is like precious oil poured on the head, \*  
running down on the beard,  
running down on Aaron’s beard, \*  
down on the collar of his robe.

It is as if the dew of Hermon, \*  
were falling on Mount Zion.

For there the Lord bestows his blessing\*  
and even life forevermore.

Glory be to the Father...

**Guide n. 1:** United in prayer with all the Sisters of Charity scattered throughout the world, let us invoke the Father to grant us the gift of peace, mercy and pardon, as we say together:

**Our Father...**