

Let us pray

May the great, vulnerable, life-giving Spirit  
guide your every coming and your every going,  
that you may act justly,  
love kindly,  
and walk humbly  
as God's friend and companion  
on this lovely, lively planet.

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This is my commandment,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.

John 15:12

## We pray with the Church and the World

General Intentions of the Holy Father: World Youth Day: That the **World Youth Day** in Brazil may encourage all young Christians to become disciples and missionaries of the Gospel.

Missionary Intention: **Asia:** That throughout Asia doors may be open to messengers of the Gospel.

July 30<sup>th</sup> is the United Nations International Day of Friendship. It was introduced with the idea that friendship between peoples, countries, cultures and individuals can inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities. Let us remember the phrase of St Ignatius: *amigos en el Señor -- friends in the Lord* and pray for that gift amongst ourselves and others.

As we celebrate the Feast of St Ignatius on the 31<sup>st</sup> we pray for all our Jesuit friends, their companions and co-workers throughout the world.

## We pray with the Institute

We continue to prepare our hearts for the forthcoming General Congregation as signifying a *paschal event* in the life of the Church. We pray for the freedom expressed in the words of C.6.9 *among the many ways we express our solidarity of oneness of purpose, the general congregation holds the highest importance*. The reflection process is leading us to enter a time of listening to the Spirit of God and seeking where and how the Spirit is inviting us to *be*.

The Region of Peru has a new leader – Miroslava Santillan Davila - who will begin her three year term in January 2014. We pray for Miros and the members of the Region in this time of invitation and transition.

New life continues to blossom in many parts of our Institute, so we support with our prayers the enquirers, candidates, novices and juniors in all places. May they be blest as they respond to God's call.

## One Small Voice

When it was proposed to me that I go to the mission in Morocco my whole being was taken aback. The idea truncated my plans including those of the current ministry with the National Conference for Religious which was aimed at promoting ecumenism in Spain. I could not say no to what was proposed but within me I felt a strong resistance – fear, darkness ... I had never offered to go to foreign missions because I did not consider myself capable.

In the midst of my fears I turned to the Lord: *You know how I am, help me*. And I asked Mary to place me with her Son. When I landed in Tangier my fears disappeared. From day one, the mission in Asilah filled me to the depths of my being. I never felt so close to God as I felt during that period.

I returned to Spain after almost thirteen years. I had been transformed and felt sad to leave that country. But I came to Madrid and was just in time to accompany my sister Rosario during the last two years of her life. Now, after being a religious for 63 years I can say that Jesus has been leading me by the hand. Sometimes I have released myself from Him, looking for my own autonomy. How wrong I was! However, He encountered me time and time again, leading me and filling me with His joy and happiness. *Gracias!*

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