



Pilgrims on Mission

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

CHANT: Bonum est confidere

Brothers, Come to Him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God; set yourselves close to Him so that you too may be living stones making a spiritual house as a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices made acceptable to God through Jesus-Christ. [1 Pt 2:4-5]

Blessed be the Lord, for ever.

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

When evil men advance against me
to devour my flesh,
when my enemies and my foes attack me,
they will stumble and fall.

Though an army besiege me,
my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me,
even then will I be confident.

One thing I ask of the Lord,
this is what I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble
He will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle
and set me high upon a rock.

Hear my voice when I call. oh Lord;
Be merciful to me and answer me.
My heart says of you, "seek his face!"
Your face Lord, I will seek.

Do not hide your face from me,
Do not turn away your servant in anger;
You have been my helper.
Do not reject me or forsake me,
O God my saviour.

I am still confident of this:
I will see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

**Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart,
and wait for the Lord.
Glory be to the Father, to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

A reading taken for the introductory decree of G.C. 34:

[7] "In their own communal apostolic discernment which led to the founding of the Society, Ignatius and his companions saw this as their unique call, their charism: to choose to be with Christ as servants of His mission, to be with people where they dwell and work and struggle, to bring the Gospel into their lives and labours. [8] As pilgrims on Christ's mission, we are ready to be dispersed to any part of Christ's vineyard, to labour in those parts of it and in those works which have been entrusted to us. [9] In Jesus Christ we can accept the magnitude of this challenge: to work at the

integration of faith and justice, to strive to understand how the Gospel is to be inculturated, to embark with new zeal on the task of interreligious dialogue, to continue to join our professional and pastoral skills to the Ignatian way of proceeding. The Crucified Jesus reminds us that in weakness and vulnerability God's love can shine forth mightily. The Risen Jesus reminds us that our hope rests in his power over death and his continued identification with those who bear his name".

En su propio discernimiento apostólico comunitario, que abocó a la fundación de la Compañía, Ignacio y sus compañeros intuyeron ese enlace como su única vocación, como su carisma: estar con Cristo como servidores de su misión, estar con la gente donde ésta vive y trabaja y lucha, llevar el Evangelio a sus vidas y trabajos. ...Como peregrinos en misión, estamos prontos a repartirnos "en la viña de Cristo para trabajar en la parte y obra de ella que nos fuere cometida" ...En Cristo Jesús podemos aceptar la magnitud de este desafío: trabajar por la integración de fe y justicia, esforzarnos por entender cómo debe ser inculturado el Evangelio, emprender con celo renovado la tarea del diálogo interreligioso, continuar acoplando nuestra pericia profesional y pastoral con el modo ignaciano de proceder. Jesús crucificado nos recuerda que el amor de Dios puede brillar con fuerza en la debilidad y la vulnerabilidad. Jesús resucitado nos recuerda que nuestra esperanza estriba en su poder sobre la muerte y su permanente identificación con quienes llevan su Nombre.

Pause for reflection

Intercessions

Let us pray for our Society, the Company of 'Friends in the Lord', founded by St Ignatius to serve the Church under the standard of the Cross:

Bless us, O Lord, and keep us united in companionship at your service.

- For the universal body of the Society; that assembled from all the nations and sent to the whole world, it remain united in love and obedience and give a convincing testimony of Christ's presence among men, let us pray :

Bless us, O Lord, and keep us united in companionship at your service.

- For the priests of the Society; that animated by the Spirit, zealous, competent and committed, they proclaim the Word of God and give the Bread of Life to the people entrusted to them with much spiritual fruit and personal consolation, let us pray:

Bless us, O Lord, and keep us united in companionship at your service.

- For the Brothers; that they be and feel truly integrated in the life and activities of the Society, sharing thus the same vocation and apostolic mission, let us pray:

Bless us, O Lord, and keep us united in companionship at your service.

- For those who are in formation; that they be well trained in everything, in the school of the heart as well as in academic matters, in character as well as in our way of proceeding; that they become zealous workers according to the heart of Christ, let us pray;

Bless us, O Lord, and keep us united in companionship at your service.

- For the provinces, regions and local communities; that the Lord bless them in their apostolic activities and help them in their difficulties; that they remain united in love and give a genuine testimony of companionship in mission, let us pray:

Bless us, O Lord, and keep us united in companionship at your service.

- For our Superior General and all Superiors; that the Holy Spirit assist them and give them light and strength in their governance of the Society, helping us to be ever faithful to the charism received from St Ignatius and his companions, let us pray:

Bless us, O Lord, and keep us united in companionship at your service.

Our Father...

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Let us praise the Lord,

And give him thanks.

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