

We Pray with the Church

JANUARY

Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

God of life and history,

You challenge the Asian churches to serve together while being rooted in the common life of the people of Asia.

You challenge us to participate in the struggles of the peoples in Asia for your promise of total liberation and fullness of life.

You remind us to work for freeing and uniting the suffering Asians, especially the oppressed and the marginalized. You call us to actively participate in your mission to work for a just, participatory and sustainable society, reconciling people to God, to one another, and to your creation.

You challenge us to build communities of peace for all, reminding us of the gift of plurality and diversity that characterizes our Asia.

(Adapted from Asia Mission Conference Worship Resources)

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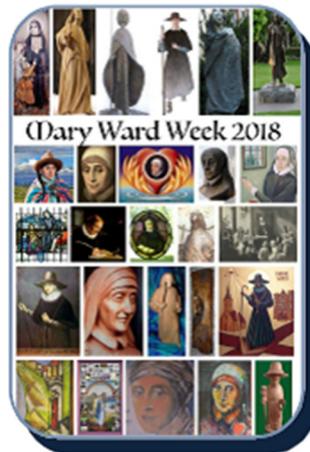
Universal: Say "No" to Corruption

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

We pray for our deceased members

27/10/2017 Gertrude McManus CJ, England
06/11/2017 Mae Flynn IBVM, Ireland
11/11/2017 Antoneta Magdolenov CJ, Slovakia
20/11/2017 Del Rey Waite IBVM, USA
15/12/2017 Celine Brogan IBVM, England
21/12/2017 Carmella McGoldrick IBVM, Ireland
21/12/2017 Erzsébet Montvai CJ, Hungary

In thanks for and loving memory of all who have died recently, and especially those who have died unloved and not remembered.
May they rest in peace.



House of Prayer January-February 2018



**"God will assist
and help you;
it is no matter
the who
but the what."**

Mary Ward 1585 - 1645.

Migrants and refugees: men and women in search of peace

"In a spirit of compassion, let us embrace all those fleeing from war and hunger, or forced by discrimination, persecution, poverty and environmental degradation to leave their homelands.

We know that it is not enough to open our hearts to the suffering of others [Migrants and refugees]. Much more remains to be done before our brothers and sisters can once again live peacefully in a safe home. (Message of Pope Francis for the 51st World Day of Peace, 1st January 2018)

We pray with the Mary Ward Family

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- Jan. 1** Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.
Jan. 3 Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus.
Jan. 9 We pray for Nguyen Thi Yen Kha IBVM who is making her First Profession in Vietnam.
Jan. 23 We pray very specially for Sister Theresa Wang CJ who is making her Final Profession in China.
Jan. 24 Joint Meeting of CJ and IBVM General Leadership Teams.
Jan. 23-30 MARY WARD WEEK Let's celebrate together
Jan. 30 We pray for Sr. Mary Grezal D'Souza who will make her First Profession in Delhi province.

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- Feb. 1** We pray for Sr. Frances Orchard CJ at the start of her second period as Provincial Superior of England province.
Feb. 2 We pray in gratitude for the First Profession of our CJ Sisters: Alma Xess, Delna Chakkiath, Maria Goretti Nayak and Punam Kerketta in Allahabad Province.
Feb. 10 - Mar. 2 Consultation Visit to the CJ Region of Nepal.
Feb. 16-28 Consultation Visit to the CJ Spanish Province.

We pray for our sisters - CJ and IBVM - who celebrate their Jubilee during these two months.

Let us do all we can to support the cause of Mary Ward.



We pray with the World

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- Jan. 1** Family World Day – World Peace Day
Jan. 27 International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust

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- Feb. 4** World Cancer Day
Feb. 6 International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation

Feb. 8 International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking in Persons. Feast of St Bakhita.

The 2018 theme “*Migration without trafficking, say yes to Freedom and no to slavery*”, highlights the situation of human trafficking among people on the move: migrants, refugees and internally displaced people. Their status makes them vulnerable to sexual and labour exploitation.



The International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Trafficking in Persons 2018 offers the opportunity to pray and to follow with our commitment the United Nation Global Migration Compact. Let us pray and support our sisters committed to this challenging ministry for the Mary Ward Family today.

When we hear about boys, girls, men and women being deceived and taken to unknown places for sexual exploitation, forced labour and organ trade, our hearts feel indignation and our spirits suffer, because their dignity and rights are violated by threats, deceit and violence.

- *Oh God, help us fight against all forms of slavery. Together with Saint Bakhita we ask you to put an end to human trafficking.*
- *Give us the wisdom and strength to be close to those who have been wounded in their body, heart and spirit, so that together we may reach the promise of life and infinite love that you offer to our exploited brothers and sisters.*
- *Touch the hearts of those responsible for this serious crime and support our commitment to freedom, your gift for all your sons and daughters. Amen.*

Feb. 20 World Day of Social Justice