

Let us pray

God our creator,
may the vastness of your creation that we can begin to see through a telescope,
remind us of the abundance of your love.
May the lowliness of the smallest creatures and cells that we can see through a microscope,
remind us how insignificant – yet special – we appear to be.
May our vision each day of the world around us
remind us that you so love the world that you sent Jesus,
your Son, to be one of us.
In all that we observe,
open our eyes so that we may really see and grow in wonder and appreciation.
Amen.

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Institute Leadership Team left to right: Judith Nekesa (Eastern Africa), Brenda Eagan (USA), Noelle Corscadden (Ireland), Igora Pinto (India), Macarena Fernandez de Bobadilla (Spain).

We pray with the Church and the World

From the words of Pope Francis:

Christ opened the path to us. He is like a roped guide climbing a mountain who, on reaching the summit, pulls us up to Him and leads us to God. If we entrust our life to Him, if we let ourselves be guided by Him, we are certain to be in safe hands, in the hands of our Saviour, of our advocate. General Audience

We pray for countries at war – internally and with other nations. We remember religious men and women, especially CJ and IBVM sisters, working with displaced individuals and families. We pray too for those who minister in the health sector, risking their lives with exposure to serious illness while they care for others.

11th October – UN International day of the girl child. The day promotes girls' human rights, highlights gender inequalities that remain between girls and boys and addresses the various forms of discrimination and abuse suffered by girls around the world.

16th October – World Food Day. Today almost 870 million people worldwide are chronically undernourished. Unsustainable models of development are degrading the natural environment, threatening ecosystems and biodiversity that will be needed for our future food supply. We pray for decision makers, corporations and scientists.

We pray with the Institute

We give thanks for the presence of God's Spirit in Loyola this past month and for the call to leadership for Noelle Corscadden (Ireland), Brenda Eagan (USA), Macarena Fernandez de Bobadilla (Spain), Judith Nekesa (Eastern Africa), and Igora Pinto (India).

Over these weeks we ask that they will find peace and joy as they bring to a close their involvement in current ministries and make plans for moving to Rome.

On the 25th October Maria Kim Thoa Pham from the province of Australia & South East Asia will make her Final Profession in Vietnam. We pray for the women in Vietnam as they gather to celebrate this wonderful day.

In these days of such intolerance to difference let us pray for open minds, hearts and wills. Kofi Annan said: *Ignorance and prejudice are the handmaidens of propaganda. Our mission, therefore, is to confront ignorance with knowledge, bigotry with tolerance, and isolation with the outstretched hand of generosity. Racism can, will, and must be defeated.*

One Small Voice

To become aware of the sacramental nature of the cosmos;
to be open to the sacramental possibilities of each moment;
to see the face of Christ in every person;
these things are not novel,
but their rediscovery is the beginning of our health.

Rome Ferguson Earth Gospel