

# IJ MATTERS



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## **SHRINE HAPPENINGS IN MAY-JUNE 2025**

The Jesuit community at the Shrine of the Infant Jesus was busy with Retreats, Seminars, Recollections and Sessions in the months of May and June 2025.

At the beginning of the month of May, the Jesuit Community at the Shrine conducted the Ninth Residential Laity Retreat at the Retreat House of the Shrine of the Infant Jesus. Participants were from Mumbai, Goa, Nashik, Gujarat and Pune. Some of the comments of the participants were: “This Retreat opened my eyes and mind to so many new ways of looking at life...” “I learned new methods of prayer and find it so easy to pray”. “I will use the TORCH given by Fr. Erol on a daily basis as a tool to be aware of the present moment”. “I know now that my actions in the present will not only prepare a bright future, but will also make by past joyful”. “Fr. Erol is truly one of kind. They don’t make priests like him today”.



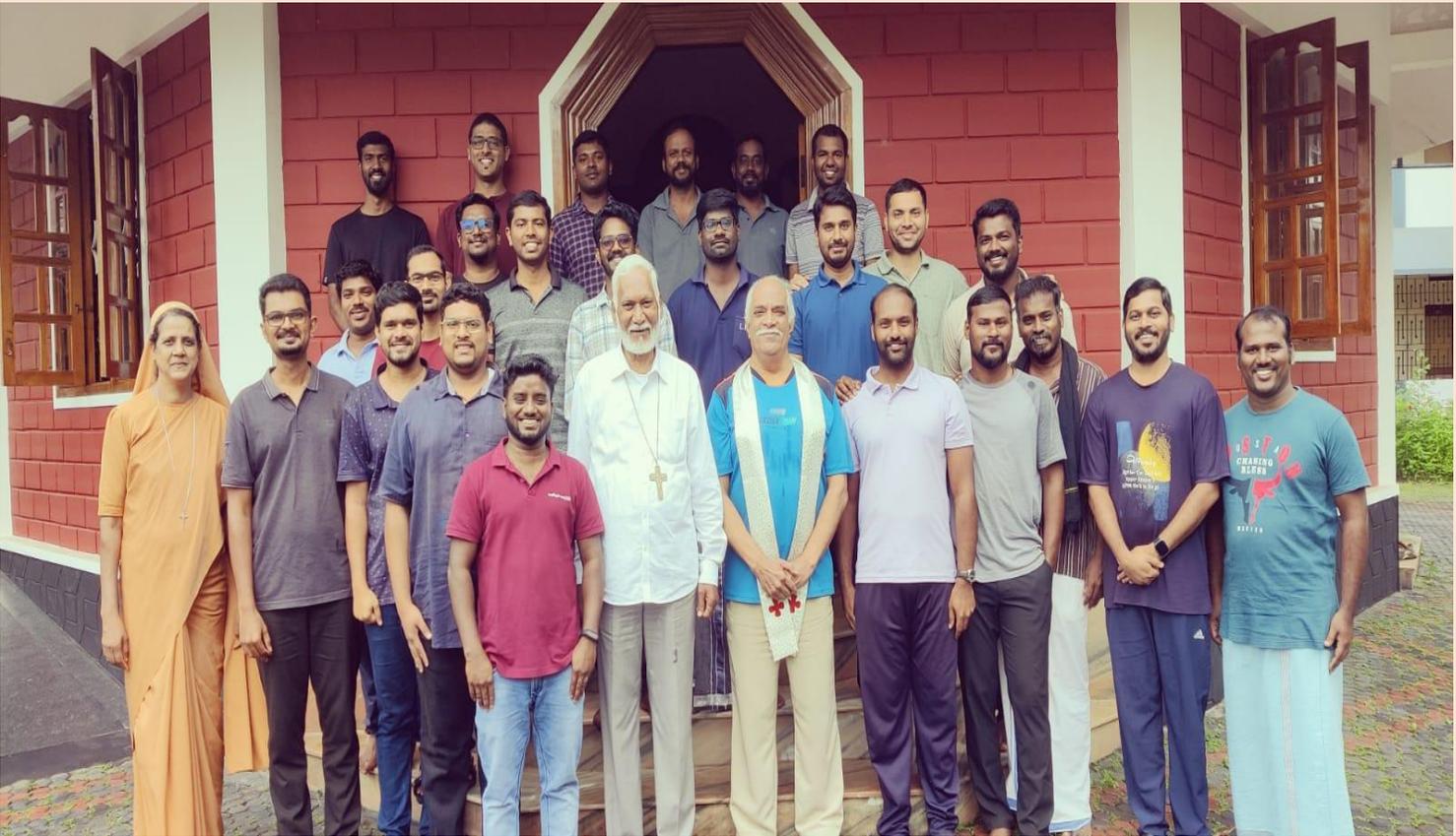


Fr Errol was in the Jesuit Pre-Novitiate in Kolkata giving a Retreat (May 5-13) to 15 Scholastics of the Kolkata Province. They got into the Retreat from the word GO. Though it was extremely hot, they did not let the heat affect their desire to seek and find God.



From Kolkata, Fr. Errol went to Wayanad to give the Retreat to Jesuit Scholastics at the end of their Pre-Ordination Programme (POP). These (23) were from five different Provinces [Chennai, Madurai, Goa, Karnataka and Gujarat]. Some of them will be ordained in 2026 and the others in 2027. The Retreat was held in the DSS Convent, Sultan Battery, Wayanad, Kerala. Since the weather was cool and it rained on some days (which cooled the place even more), it was just right for a Retreat and communion with God. The trees, rain, cool weather and the quiet were all aids to listen to the promptings of God’s Spirit. The scholastics exited from the Retreat charged and ready to do not just great, but greater things for God in keeping with the Magis.

Frs Tony, Bosco, Vinay and Augustine were busy with maintaining the fort at Nashik. Frs. Vinay and Bosco gave one day Recollections to the Sisters of the neighboring convents.



Frs. Bosco (May 28) and Tony (June 17) celebrated their birthdays in the months of May and June. Our dear friend, Bishop Emeritus of Nashik, Lourdes Daniel joined us on both these days. Though Fr. Bosco has completed his 81<sup>st</sup> year, he looks younger with each passing day. Fr. Tony has completed his 85<sup>th</sup> year and after another 15, will complete his century. God has blessed them both with an abundance of blessings and gifts. They, on their part share them generously with others.





The State Board results of Std X were declared on May 13, 2025 and our students did us proud. Of the 131 students who appeared, 105 scored distinction marks, 25 secured a first class and 1 student passed with a second class. The Principal of the State Board, Dr. Sanjay Katale and his team of dedicated teachers deserve a lot of the credit for this fantastic result. The students also did their part and worked hard. Congratulations to the staff and students.



**St. XAVIER'S HIGH SCHOOL, NASHIK ROAD**

**SSC RESULTS 2024-25**





**Manager:**  
Rev. Fr. Errol  
Fernandes S.J.

**100% RESULT**

Total Students appeared : 131  
Distinction : 105  
First Class : 25  
Second Class : 01



**Headmaster:**  
Dr. Sanjay Katale

**26 Students scored above 90 %**

Rank	Name of Student	Percentage
1st	Vinayak Tajanpure	94.20 %
2nd	Shreyas Dhanait	93.80 %
3rd	Anuj Rupawate	93.60 %

**Congratulations to all the Students, Parents and Highly Qualified and Dedicated Staff of St. Xavier's High School.**



\* All the Private candidates Passed



Fr. Augustine continues to excel in Table-tennis. In a recently conducted tournament in Nashik, he overwhelmed all his opponents with his display of skill, resilience and creativity. He was

winner in the 49 and above age group, runner-up in the 39 and above and runner-up in the doubles. Congratulations to him.



On June 30, 2025, Fr. Augustine arranged the Annual picnic for the staff of the Shrine. They have a great devotion to our Blessed Mother and wanted to visit the Mount Mary's Basilica at Banda. They had a wonderful time and returned back refreshed and fulfilled.







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Fr. Errol Fernandes SJ  
June 2025

## **PENTECOST – COME HOLY SPIRIT WE NEED YOU**

A story is told of a man, who, when a very young boy, was taken to nursery school by his mother. Attentive to his anxiety about being abandoned, the boy's mother leaned down, kissed her son, and said, "Good bye, my love. No one is leaving." Each day, his mother would bid him farewell with those same words. The boy was too young to recognize the paradox, and embraced his new existence and quickly adjusted to new and frightening surroundings. Day after day, and week after week, his mother bid the same farewell: "Good bye, my love. No one is leaving."

The boy grew into adulthood, and was during this time confronted with the reality of having to place his mother in a nursing home. She -- now elderly and frail, with advanced Alzheimer's disease -- barely recognized him, often forgot to eat, and simply could no longer care for herself. As he departed from her, leaving her in her new and frightening surroundings, he remembered her words. He leaned down, kissed his mother, and said, "Good bye, my love. No one is leaving" -- words his mother recognized even though she no longer recognized him. A tear appeared in her eye, as she clasped his hand and repeated, "Good bye, my love. No one is leaving."

This is Jesus' message on his departure to the Father: "Good bye, my love. No one is leaving".

The annual celebration of the paschal mystery, which began on Ash Wednesday, culminates at Pentecost. In a narrative evocative of major Old Testament themes, Acts recounts the overwhelming gift of the Spirit. Such a fresh outpouring of the Spirit was to accompany the messianic age. In addition, the first-century Jewish feast of Pentecost, which occurred 50 days after Passover, memorialized the covenant at Sinai. Having celebrated the liberating Passover sacrifice of Jesus, the disciples are formed into a covenant community that is to continue the work of Christ through history. As we celebrate the traditional birthday of the church, the readings present the genetic code of the living church.

Jesus is departing from us, out of our sight. We find ourselves in the new and frightening surroundings of this life, in a place where we are uncomfortable and often feel ill equipped to carry on. Yet, Jesus continues to assure us of his continued presence through his gift of the Holy Spirit. This is why though he says Good-bye; he is not leaving. This is shown in the Gospel text of today when he comes to the frightened disciples after his Resurrection on Easter evening, with a twofold greeting of peace. These disciples, who fled in fear at Jesus' arrest, are now themselves forgiven and told to continue his mission from the Father. Though they abandoned Jesus, he will not abandon them; though they failed him, God's love will not fail them. Then, reminiscent of God's action at creation, Jesus breathes on them, and gifts them the gift of the Spirit and with it the gift of new life. They have become a new creation. Along with the gift of the Spirit is also a commission which is to forgive and retain sin." Retaining sin" has sometimes been equated with a juridical act, but two indicators caution us that it should not be so. The first is that it is not just the eleven but the "disciples" who are gathered in the room. John uses the term "disciples" for a much larger group than the twelve or eleven. This group could also have

included women and so the commission has to do with something that is more than juridical. The second is that the Greek “kratein” can also mean, “Restrain or hold in check.” This thus means that through the gift of the Spirit, who is also the Spirit of truth, the disciples are given power to take away sin the sin of the world and unmask and control the power of evil as Jesus himself did. They are not to act as arbiters of right and wrong, but through their just and loving actions in imitation of the Lord, they are to communicate the unconditional love of the Father.

At Pentecost, as the Acts of the Apostles narrates, the Spirit of God comes down upon the disciples, resting on each of them and thereby bringing them—and us—together once again. The disciples get a crash course in the language of God. After Pentecost, the days of Babel and confusion are over. The great differences among us, in communication and dialogue, culture and background, wealth and poverty, are scattered in “the rush of a violent wind.” Tongues of fire burn them away. It does not matter now whether we are Parthians, Medes or Elamites of old, or Indians, Chinese, Pakistanis of today. Each one hears the same message in his/her native tongue simply because the language of love is one. Our world, however, is still tongue-tied. What can be misunderstood will be misunderstood. However, Babel, the parable of our first clash of cultures and failure to communicate, is more than a mythic explanation of the differences among nations and languages. It is an apt description of the human condition itself. We often do not understand one another even when we speak the same language. We all remain stymied by our fundamental inability to accept the differences among us in how we live and what we believe.

But the unity which love brings is summarized by Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians. The Spirit, though one, is never bottled or canned. It is at work in each of us, always fresh and always new, waiting to be translated into the language of our own lives, into the language of love. It is only to the extent that we try to accept the other, no matter how different or foreign, that we come to understand the language of God. Only then is Babel turned to Pentecost.

As the Spirit used the discourse of the disciples on Pentecost to reshape and redirect the lives of those who listened to their words, so the Spirit on this Pentecost will reshape and mould us if we but listen. After all, God speaks to us in the one abiding word that ends fear and brings lasting peace and love—the Word- Made-Flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## WORLD WARS

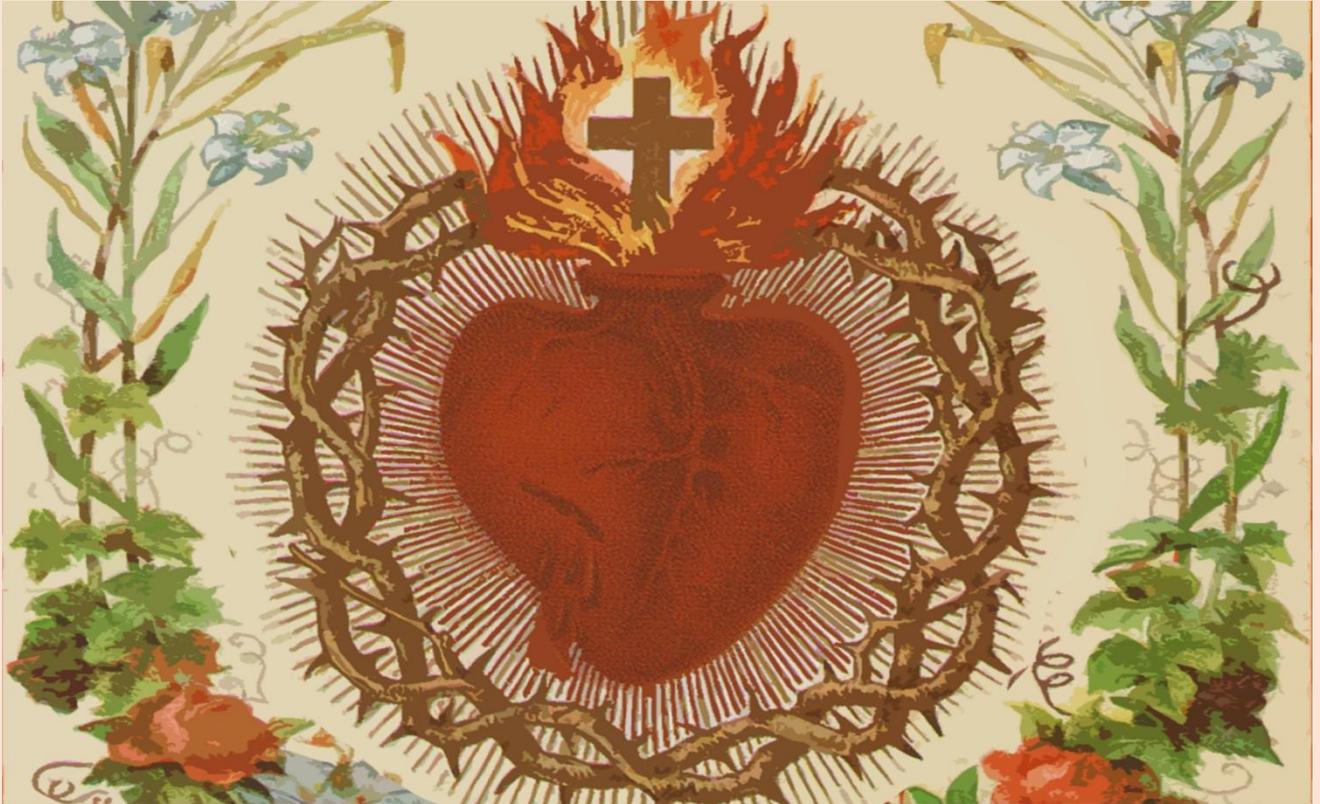
We turn in sorrow as we see  
The world so much at war  
Oppressive powers menacing  
With cruelty so raw  
The wounded, sick, in rubble homes  
No hand to help or heal  
Hungry, starving, left to die  
With no one to appeal  
Is this the world God gave to us?  
Is this our human pride?  
To strike at life, to maim and kill  
All rights to override  
We cry to Heaven: Save us now  
We are a hapless sight  
The death and rising of Our Lord  
Can still stall evil's might



## **THE SACRED HEART**

The Sacred Heart like every heart  
holds firm a love that cares  
a love that heals, a strengthening love  
A love that even dares

So, Jesus' Heart will always be  
The flagstaff for true love  
In life and death that love would fill  
The earth and heav'n above



True hearts will love through joy and pain  
that even time can't bend  
this is the legacy of Christ  
on which we will depend

**GODFREY D'LIMA SJ**

**THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**  
**Godfrey D'lima SJ**

His Body and Blood is the whole human race  
That suffers their own bitter loss  
The hungry, the sick, the fallen from grace  
All peoples like Him on the Cross  
And we who are blessed with far less to complain  
Transform to His Body and Blood  
When we reach out to those in suffering and pain  
To shelter the weak from the skud  
Christ's Body, Christ's Blood, increase every day  
Answering that vast human need  
For strength to the masses who trudge on life's way  
That the kingdom of God may succeed



## CORPUS CHRISTI – THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

My parishioners and I were on our way to a picnic one Sunday. As we reached the picnic spot, some of them said to me, “Father, let’s finish Mass, then we can enjoy”. At first, this request took me by surprise since I had not regarded the Eucharist as separated from life and enjoyment. I later realized what they meant when they made their request. The Eucharist is seen as something to be “finished” as quickly as possible so that real life can begin. It is also often seen as an obligation to be fulfilled in order to be safe from sin and from God’s wrath and punishment. If it is understood as either something to be quickly finished or as an obligation, it means that the one who so understands it has missed the point. This is because if one still uses the language of “obligations” when one is referring to the Eucharist or, if one mistakenly believes that the Eucharist is concluded with the final blessing in the Church, then one has not experienced the power of the Sacrifice of Jesus and has not grasped its significance.

The feast of Corpus Christi, or the Body and Blood of Christ, has been interpreted to mean the feast of the Eucharist and, while this is certainly true, it would be a mistake to restrict the understanding of the feast to the ritual of the Eucharist. The feast goes beyond the ritual to life itself, just as the Eucharist does. Communion with Christ has always been a mark of the follower of Christ. We would make significant gains in our life of following or discipleship if we would focus on the Eucharist. It is the deepest expression of our communion with Christ. It is not simply a "going to" or "taking of" that begins and ends in the Church.



One theme which is brought out powerfully in all the readings for the feast of today is Covenant. The first reading from Exodus recounts the ratification of the Covenant between God and his people made on Mount Sinai. His people agreed to do all that the Lord had commanded them. The letter to the Hebrews speaks about the Covenant between God and people made, not with the blood of animals but, with the blood of Jesus himself. This was, therefore, the more perfect and complete covenant. The Covenant that Jesus made with the whole of humanity through his disciples is narrated by Mark in the Gospel text of today. At the Passover meal, Jesus offers his body and his blood as the mark and sign of the new covenant.

The covenant with the people of Israel is consummated when, after building an altar and offering sacrifice on it, Moses sprinkles the blood of the sacrificed animals on the altar and on the people. This sprinkling of blood, which is a symbol of life, is also an indication that the people who accepted the covenant are bound by it and will do everything in their power to live it out.

The letter to the Hebrews affirms that, like with the people of Israel, blood was also used to consummate the new covenant between God and humans. However, this blood is not any longer the blood of sacrificial animals but that of Jesus himself. It is the blood that he poured out on the Cross and which he confirms that he will shed for many in the Gospel text of today. Even as he did that, he invited those who partook of it to keep remembering and renewing this Covenant of unconditional love. By his own words, this broken bread was now his own body that would be broken and then raised to glory. This simple yet profound action signifies that, as we share this sustenance, we are bound to him and to one another. It is significant that Mark has placed, on either side of the breaking of the bread and sharing of the wine, the predictions of the betrayal by Judas and the denial by Peter. This is to indicate that, despite betrayal and denial, Jesus will continue to give of himself. He would not let his sacrifice depend on the cowardly response of his disciples. He would continue to give and to love, unconditionally.

Though at first, the disciples did not respond to the Covenant that Jesus made with them because of their lack of understanding, their cowardice, and their fear, they later relented and accepted it fully. This acceptance was shown in their bold proclamation of the Kingdom that Jesus had inaugurated.

The Covenant, which Jesus made with his disciples, and continues to make with us even today, has to be constantly accepted by us if it is to be a covenant in the true

sense of the word. This acceptance is shown when we first partake of the body of Christ at every celebration of the Eucharist and, in doing so, express our willingness to do the same with others. It is shown when we do not regard the Eucharist as a merely a ritual to be celebrated only in Church and only in order to fulfill an obligation. It is shown when we are courageous enough to let the celebration of the Eucharist continue in our lives and in our willingness, like Jesus, to become bread for others.

If our celebration of the feast of Corpus Christi is to be meaningful, we need to realize that we, as disciples of Jesus, are today his body and blood. When we are willing to give of ourselves to others as Jesus did, without counting the cost and without heeding the pain then we, in a true sense of the word, make him present even today. It is in our doing this that his promise to be in the world until the end of time will become a reality here and now.

Fr. Errol Fernandes SJ

June 2025

# ST. JOHN WHO DARED KINGS

In our era when mobs dictate  
And ruthless rulers head the state  
There stands St. John that one could rate  
As daring as was Jesus

St. John would face the ruler's might  
And was condemned from mindless spite  
And martyred for the cause of right  
As daring as was Jesus

So many now resist the tide  
Defending every weaker side  
And like St. John they are decried  
As daring as was Jesus

But this we know from Scripture source  
Christ's risen power is our recourse  
To face like John all brutish force  
As daring as was Jesus

## **STS. PETER AND PAUL**

They took on every kind of hate  
From social bigots, mighty state  
Their message changed our human fate  
It was the truth of Jesus

So Paul and Peter stood their ground  
In hostile times new courage found  
Proclaiming teachings that unbound  
It was the word of Jesus

Now right today like Peter-Paul  
Some little flock of Christians call  
To Faith whatever might befall  
It was the task of Jesus

And so, with all who's dreams wont wane  
Who strive that truth and justice reign,  
An effort, which their blood may stain  
That was the way of Jesus

रानावनातील पवित्र आत्मा!!

येशू प्रमाणे जीवन जगता  
यावे  
म्हणून पवित्र आत्मा  
आपणास मार्गदर्शक  
म्हणून दिला आहे.  
पवित्र आत्मा म्हणजे  
कुणी पारवा,  
झुंजार वारा वा जिभा  
ज्वाला नाहीत.  
तो पुजण्याचा वा  
प्रार्थनेचाही विषय  
नाही.  
पवित्र आत्मा म्हणजे  
माणसाचा  
आतला आवाज.  
तो चेतवीणे आणि त्याचे  
वादळ बनणे.  
तनमनातील निराशेला,  
उदासिनतेला,  
वैफल्याला दूर करून  
त्याजागी आशा,  
स्फुल्लिंग स्पंदने, चेतविणे  
म्हणजेच  
आपल्यातील पवित्रआत्मा  
जागृत  
असल्याची ती लक्षणे  
आहेत.

भयभीत शिष्यांना ह्याच  
पवित्र आत्म्याने झपाटले होते.

आणि ते अचल शिष्य चल  
बनले होते.  
चेतना चिंतामणीची गावे  
निर्माण करू लागले होते.

पवित्र आत्म्याच्या सणाची  
आध्यात्मिक  
तयारी करण्यासाठी आज  
जगात, देशात गावात  
प्रचंड मोठ्या लोकसंख्येचे  
प्रार्थना मेळावे भरविले  
जातात. पण ते जिवंत  
आध्यात्मिकतेच्या कलेने  
उतरण्याऐवजी मंत्रमुग्ध  
कर्मकांडाच्या पातळीवर  
उतरतात.

त्या मेळाव्यात कुणी झुकतात  
कुणी झिंगतात,  
कुणी खाली पडतात.  
तर कुणाला पवित्र आत्मा  
झोंबला म्हणून विविध  
भाषा बोलण्याची देणगी  
लाभल्याचे स्वयंभू जाहीर  
करतात.

काही रोग औषधाविना  
बरे होतात.  
लंगडे चालू लागतात,  
आंधळे पाहू लागतात,  
बहिरे ऐकू लागतात,  
कुष्ठरोगी बरे होतात  
वगैरे सर्वास दावे

आयोजकांकडून केले  
जातात. नि अंनिसला  
आव्हान आमंत्रण  
देतात. कार्यकारणभाव  
सिद्ध न  
करू शकल्याने त्यात  
हरतात नि तुरुंगाची  
हवा खात रहातात.  
ते अशा शिक्षेला  
दैवीदान म्हणतात.  
देवासाठी त्याग केला,  
देवाची सेवा वगैरेही  
म्हणून गोंडस नाव देतात.  
भक्तांची सहानुभूती  
मिळवतात.

आम्ही मिशनरी या  
रानावनात  
चेतना चिंतामणीची गावे  
निर्माण करण्यासाठी  
खेड्याखेड्यात प्रेषितांची  
मूल्ये संस्कार शिकवण  
रुजविण्याचा, प्रेम, दया,  
क्षमा, शांती, सेवा, संयम,  
ज्ञान, शहाणपण, विवेक,  
स्वातंत्र्य, समता, बंधुता,  
एकता, न्याय आदि जनतेत  
संवैधानिक जागृती नि  
चेतना पेटविण्यासाठी  
मोठमोठ्या  
प्रार्थना सभांऐवजी समाज  
बांधण्यासाठी गावागावात  
पथनाट्याद्वारे प्रबोधन

करण्यास प्राधान्य देतो.

यंदा शिरपूर गावांमधील  
विश्व मंडळ सेवाश्रममध्ये  
जिल्हा परिषदेच्या शाळांमध्ये  
अधिकचे वर्ग घेणाऱ्या  
आदिवासी ६० शिक्षकांसाठी  
आणि आरोग्य सेविकेसाठी,  
शालेय मुलांसाठी  
वसईवरून पथनाट्यकार  
श्री जुराण लोपीस  
आणि पर्यावरणप्रेमी  
श्री मॅक्सवेल रोझ ह्यांना  
आमंत्रित केले होते.

दोन दिवसांच्या ह्या  
पथनाट्य शिबिरात  
शिबिरार्थींनी आरोग्य,  
व्यसनाधिनता,  
बाल विवाह नि  
शिक्षणाचे महत्व अशा  
कार्यशाळेत भाग घेऊन  
पथनाट्याद्वारे जागृती  
केली. गावात जाऊन  
चेतना चिंतामणींची  
गावे निर्माण केली.

प्रेषितांना अभिप्रेत  
पवित्र आत्मा जागृत  
झाला होता.  
त्यांचा दबलेला  
आतील आवाज  
बोलू लागला होता.

"जिथे अंधार औदास्य  
जिथे नैराश्य आलस्य  
प्रकाशा तेथ नव न्यावे.  
भरावा मोद विश्वात.  
असावे सौख्य जगतात.  
सदा हे ध्येय पुजावे.  
असे हे सार आत्म्याचे  
असे हे सार धर्माचे  
असे हे सार सत्याचे  
परार्था प्राणही द्यावे  
जगाला प्रेम अर्पवे.  
सण साजरे करावे".

.....विवेक

एका वृक्षाचे स्मरण!! ...मीना बनसोडे.

हा सण आपण मोठ्या  
उत्साहाने साजरा करतो.  
प्रभू स्वर्गात गेला  
म्हणजे नक्की काय?  
देहानीशी स्वर्गात घेतला  
गेला म्हटले तर  
ती ज्यांची त्याची  
श्रद्धा झाली.  
विज्ञानाने ते सिद्ध करू  
शकत नाही.

यावर मी चिंतन करत होते  
आणि आकाशाकडे  
आशाळभूत नजरेने  
बघत होते.  
तर मला  
करंजाचे डवरलेले  
एक सुंदर झाड दिसले.  
ते उंच झाड आकाशाला  
गवसणी घालत स्वतः  
उन्हात उभे होते.  
खाली वाटसरूंना  
सावली देत उभे होते.  
आकाशापर्यंत पोहोचले  
हे झाड. आणि त्याच्यावरील  
त्या सुंदर वेली खाली  
लोंबलेल्या होत्या.  
जणू देवाला विनम्र धन्यवाद  
देत दाट शाकारल्या होत्या.  
दृश्य मनोहर, मनमोहक होते.

हे त्या झाडाचे सुंदर रूप  
पाहून असे वाटते देव हा  
ह्या वेलीतच आहे.  
तो कुठे स्वर्गात वगैरे  
गेला नाही.  
त्या दाट हिरव्या  
करंजीच्या झाडाकडे  
बघून एक कविता  
सुचली...

"तुझ्या कायेवर  
वेली ह्या विनम्र  
त्यावर ही पाने  
झोका घेती ...  
जरी तुझे मस्तक  
आकाशात डुले  
तरी तुझे लक्ष  
पानावरती ...  
येता झुळूक वायूची  
बालपाने हालती  
खट्याळ हसती  
डहाळी वरती ...  
पाहूनी ही क्रीडा  
आनंदे माझे मन  
त्याहून स्वर्गसुख  
कोणते हे...

हे त्या करंजीच्या झाडाचे  
रूप पाहून असे वाटते  
परमेश्वर जणू काही  
येथेच आहे.  
परमेश्वराचे स्वर्गात जाणे  
म्हणजे पृथ्वीवरच स्वर्ग

निर्माण करणे आहे ...

सदाबहार हरित करंजाचे  
झाड सावली देत असते.  
पानगळीत ते मात्र  
हिरमुसलेले असते.  
इच्छा असूनही ते छाया  
देऊ शकत नाही.

अशा प्रसंगीही झाडाचा  
अनुभव अलौकिक आहे.  
ग्रीष्मात एक वाटसरू  
झाडाखाली आला.  
खोडाच्या तुटपुंजा छायेत  
बसला. शिदोरीचे गाठोडे  
उघडले. जेवला. यथेच्छ  
पाणी प्याला आणि अंमळ  
पहुडला.

त्यांच्या अंगावर ऊन पाहून  
झाडाला वाईट वाटले.  
इतक्यात एक राजहंस आपले  
पंख फडफडवित आला आणि  
पंख पसरवून त्याने त्या  
वाटसरूवर सावली आपल्या  
पंखांची सावली धरली.

हे सत्कृत्य पाहून झाड  
हरकून गेले. अंगावरील  
अंमळ तांबूस किरमिजी  
पानांच्या कोवळीकेची  
फडफड सळसळ  
करून झाडाने

आनंद व्यक्त केला.

मात्र राजहंसाचे हे कृतज्ञ  
वागणे  
काही कृतघ्न कावळ्यांना  
रुचले नाही.  
एरवी कावकाव करणारा  
कर्कश रव  
त्यांनी थांबवला. आणि  
गुपचूप झाडावर येऊन  
त्यांनी त्या झोपलेल्या  
वाटसरूवर  
गनिमी काव्याने आपल्या  
विष्टेचा अभिषेक केला.  
आणि गुपचूप निघूनही  
गेले.

अस्वस्थ रागेभरला  
वाटसरू  
खडबडून जागा झाला.  
वर राजहंसाला त्याने  
पाहिले  
आणि हातातील  
तीरकमानने राजहंसाची  
निर्घृण हत्या केली.

झाड हादरले. त्याच्या  
समक्ष ही परोपकाराची  
हत्या घडली होती.  
फांदीवर लटकलेला तो  
राजहंसाचा निष्प्राण देह  
पाहून झाडाला कुसावर  
लटकलेल्या येशूची याद

आली. झाड गलबलले...

"दुसऱ्यांसाठी मेलास तर  
जगलात

स्वतापुरता जगलात तर  
मेलास.

हे स्वर्गीय वचन झाड  
पृथ्वीवरच अनुभवत होते.

जीवन वेदनेचे.

आणि

वेदनेचा वेदांत

होतानाचे.

आणि शोकाचा

श्लोक

होतानाचे.

आणि

धरेवरच

स्वर्ग निर्माण

करणारे

जीवन ह्या

करंज वृक्षांने

स्वानुभवले

होते....

सागर पाऊस!!

कुणी घर देता  
का घर?  
कुणी जागा  
देता का?  
किनाऱ्यावर  
येऊन  
विसाव्याला  
पडायला?

आणि  
माझ्या पाऊस  
पोराला  
जमीनीत  
मुरायला  
कुणी जागा  
देता  
का जागा?

माझ्या  
किनाऱ्यावर  
कुणी  
महल कोठी  
बंगले बांधले  
रिसॉर्ट  
हाॅटेले काढली  
झाडे लावली  
सुरुच्या बागा  
फुलवल्या...

पोराने  
मनसोक्त  
बरसावे  
बागडावे  
क्षणभर शीण  
घालवावा  
ती मऊ मोकळी  
जागा देखील  
काँक्रीटीकरण  
करून झाली.

धरणे बांधली  
नद्या अडवल्या  
माझ्या ह्या  
पोराला  
बरसण्यासाठी  
कुणी थोडी  
मऊशार  
जागा देता का  
जागा...?

येते खळाळत  
कधी नुसते  
वहात  
पाऊस पोराने  
माझ्या  
शितल हे तन  
चंचल पण  
निर्मळ मन...  
नका त्यास  
लावू उगा  
कलंक.

अरे विधात्या  
तू इतका  
निष्ठूर का रे  
झालास....  
ज्यांना मी  
खाऊपिऊ  
घातलं.  
ते मला  
विसरले.  
आणि ज्या तू  
मला जन्म  
दिला  
तो तुही मला  
विसरलास  
मग मी या  
थेरड्याने  
नि या अनाथ  
पोराने  
जावे कुठे...?

चोरांच्या  
उलट्या बोंबा  
म्हणतात  
त्या अशा  
"म्हणे मी  
त्यांच्या घरात  
घुसलो.  
तेच तर माझ्या  
घरात शिरलेत.  
ज्या वाळूवर  
मी झोपायचो  
ती वाळूच

चोरून नेतात.  
मर्यादा वेली  
जागी  
कलिंगड वेली  
लावतात.  
तिवर खारफुटी  
कापून  
फिरायला  
सुरूच्या बागा  
सजवतात.  
आणि म्हणतात  
मी घुसलो  
त्यांच्या घरात..."

टाकतात कचरा  
माझ्या पोटात  
तो मी  
ओकून टाकतो  
शुचिभूत होतो  
ह्यात माझा  
काय रे गुन्हा..."

अल्पसंख्यांकावरील हल्ले !! ...वेन्सी डिमेलो.

वरवर जरी अल्पसंख्याकांतील ख्रिस्ती नि मुस्लिम धर्मसंख्या वाढीवरील, धर्मांतरण करण्याबाबतच्या कारणावरून हे हल्ले वाटत असले तरी तसे ते खोलवर विचार करता होत नाहीत. ही गोम लक्षात घेऊन हल्यामागील योग्य ते कारण शोधणे. तसा अभ्यासात्मक त्या कारणांचा शोध घेणे आणि सामाजिक विश्लेषण करणे आज अत्यंत गरजेचे आहे.

जरी लोकशाही प्रणालीत देशातील अल्पसंख्याकांना त्यांची धर्मश्रद्धा पाळण्याचे तसा धर्माचा प्रचार करण्याचे संविधानाने संरक्षण नि स्वातंत्र्य दिले असले, तरी अल्पसंख्यांक मात्र तसा इतरांचे धर्मांतर करण्याचा लाभ घेताना वा उठवताना दिसत नाहीत. हे हल्लेखोरांना पक्के ठावूक आहे.

कारण कित्येक वर्षे ख्रिस्ती लोक ह्या देशात २% च राहिले आहेत. त्यात वाढ झालेली नाही. हे माहीत असूनही राजकीय मदतीने हिंदूना एकवटून वोट बँक वाढविण्यासाठी तशी धर्मांतराच्या नावे लिंगिंग, झुंडी, दंगे, पवित्र स्थळांची तोडफोड, मारझोड आदि घडवून अल्पसंख्याकांना भीती घालण्याचे नि त्यांना हुसकून लावण्याचे देशात थांबलेले नाही. काय असेल ह्या मागील कारण?  
धर्मप्रसार, प्रचार की अजून काही....?

अल्पसंख्यांक विशेषतः ख्रिस्ती समाज हा देशातील सामाजिक, शैक्षणिक, वैद्यकीय आदि सेवाक्षेत्रात अधिक योगदान देत असतो. त्याबद्दल अनेकांच्या मनात त्या समाजाविषयी सहानुभूतीच आहे.

प्रश्न ह्या समाजाकडे असलेल्या स्थावर मिळकती बाबतचा आहे. चर्च, शाळा, कॉलेजे, कॉन्व्हेंट, इस्पितळे अशा जनकल्याण संस्थेवर व त्यांच्या धर्मदाय जमिनीवर शासनाकडून कर आकारला जात नाही. त्यातून त्यांना सूट आहे.

ब्रिटिश काळापासून अशा मालमत्ता त्यांचे नावे आहेत. त्यांची नोंद त्यांच्या ट्रस्टमध्ये आढळते. सरकार दरबारी त्याची नोंद नाही.

आपला देश हा कृषिप्रधान देश आहे. शंभर वर्षांपूर्वी शेतकऱ्यांकडील हजारो एकर जमिनी आता त्यांची कुटुंबे वाढल्यामुळे त्या काही एकरात आल्या आहेत. बदलत्या काळात ज्ञानावर अवलंबून राहायला हवे होते. ते न रहाता हा शेतकरीवर्ग फक्त शेतीवरच अवलंबून राहिला. त्यामुळे नोकरी नाही. तशात देशातील विशिष्ट

वर्गाला राखीव सवलती आहेत. वैगरे बाबी लक्षात घेता. आज देशातील विशिष्ट वर्गाचा अल्पसंख्यांकडे

असलेल्या हजारो एकर जमिनीबाबत प्रश्न आहेत. त्या जमिनीवर त्यांचा रोख आहे. ही खदखद पूर्वीपासूनची होती. आता त्याचे रुपांतर उद्रेकात होऊ लागले आहे.

आता कायदेशीर रीत्या भांडता येत नाही कारण अल्पसंख्याकांना सरकारी संरक्षण आहे. "सरकारला कुठल्याही धार्मिक संस्थांची मालमत्ता फक्त धर्माचा अभ्यास थांबविण्यासाठी ताब्यात घेता येत नाही. आणि भारतीय संविधान कायदा त्यास धर्मस्वातंत्र्य देते. ( कलम २५-२८)

संविधानात तशी तरतूद आहे. पण त्या कायदेशीर मार्गाने जाणे कठीण आहे. शक्यही नाही. "आई खाऊ घालीना आणि बाप भीक मागू देईना" असा हा काहीसा उद्रेक आहे.

म्हणून सत्तेवर येऊ इच्छिणाऱ्या धर्मांध महत्वाकांक्षी अशा जातीयवादी राजकीय पक्षांच्या मदतीने देशात धर्माच्या नावे दंगे भडकवायचे, अल्पसंख्याकांना भीती घालावयाची आणि त्यांची मालमत्ता लुटायची असा हा सारा खटाटोप नि घाट आहे. धर्मांतर धर्मप्रचार वैगरे मुद्दे जरी नसले. तरी ते मुद्दामहून पुढे करायचे समाजाला अल्पसंख्यांविरुद्ध चिथावायचे नि त्यांचा छळ मांडायचा. आपले इप्सित साधायचे असा हा सारा हिंसक मुत्सद्दी खेळ आहे.

मुस्लिमबहुल भिवंडी, मालेगावच्या दंगली असोत. देशातील ख्रिस्ती बहुल मणिपूर रांची आदिवासी आदि येथील आगडोंब असो. ह्यांची कारणे धर्म नव्हे. मिशनरी, वक्फ आरक्षित जमिनी हे आहे. त्याला जाती, धर्माचा रंग देऊन. देशातील बहुसंख्यांक धर्मबळाची भावनिकतेची सहानुभूती मिळवायची आणि संविधानाने दिलेले अल्पसंख्याकांचे हक्क त्यांना भीती व दहशत घालून धर्मांध राजसत्तेच्या मदतीने हडपण्याचा प्रयत्न करायचा आणि जमिनी लाटायच्या.

अशा आदिवासीच्या जमिनी लुटून त्या बलाढ्य धनिकांना कोळशाच्या खाणी खोदण्यासाठी नि व्यापार करण्यासाठी विकायच्या असा हा सारा धर्माच्या नावे गनिमी काव्याचा खेळ आहे.

आणि हे साहजिकच आहे ज्या मुस्लिम नि ख्रिस्ती धर्मीय राजवटी आपल्या देशात आल्या त्यांनी आपल्या स्वकीय धर्मीयांची या देशात सर्वांगीण सोय करून ठेवली आहे. हेही तितकेच खरे आहे. त्या तुलनेत देशातील बाकी ख्रिस्तेतर जनता उपरीच राहिली. आता ती शिकली सवरली आहे. संघटीत झाली आहे. आणि संघर्ष करू लागली आहे.

देशातील बरीचशी मोक्याची जमीन अशा ख्रिस्ती मुस्लिम अल्पसंख्यांक धार्मिक ट्रस्टीकडे आहेत. त्यांच्या सामाजिक, शैक्षणिक, वैद्यकीय, आर्थिक, धार्मिक सर्वांगीण उन्नतीसाठी परदेशातून NGO प्रकल्पही त्यासाठी राबविले जात आहेत.

तुलनेत देशातील इतर धार्मिक मंदिरे, तीर्थक्षेत्रे पैशाअभावी अविकसितच नि दुर्लक्षित राहिली आहेत. ही दरी भरून काढण्यासाठी अल्पसंख्यांकाचे संविधान रक्षक कायदे त्यांच्या जमिनीला मालमत्ता आदिना कायदेशीररीत्या हात लावू देत नाहीत. म्हणून नाईलाजाने कायदा हातात घेऊन हे हल्ले आयोजित केले जात आहेत.

पूर्वी आपल्या कृषीप्रधान देशात राज्यात कुटुंबाकडे शेकडो एकर जागा असायची. आता कुटुंबे वाढली. कुटुंबात जमिनीचे वाटप झाले. आता कुटुंबे तीन चार एकरात उदरनिर्वाह करीत आहेत. हेही कारण आहे. अल्पसंख्यांकडे असणाऱ्या अधिकच्या जागा बाबत हक्क सांगण्याचा नि दंगे घडवून त्या जागा मिळविण्याचा.

तेव्हा अल्पसंख्यांकावरचे दंगे नि हल्ले हे वरवर जरी धार्मिक वाटत असले तरी तसे ते नाहीत. जगाच्या तुलनेत माझा देश खूप सहिष्णू आहे. धर्मनिरपेक्ष असला तरी सर्वांना सर्व धर्मीयांना सामावून घेणारा, अल्पसंख्यांकांचा आदर करणारा माझा देश आहे. मात्र संविधानात समता समानता असली तरी काहींना अधिकची समानता मिळते. आर्थिक निकषावर इथे संविधान प्रेमी तज्ञांनी देशास तपासायला हवे.

देशातील अल्पसंख्यांक शिक्षण संपत्ती

पैसा, अन्न, वस्त्र, निवारा ह्यात तुलनेत इतरांहून उजवे आहेत. आहे रे आणि नाहि रे ह्यांच्यातील दरी रुंदावणे देशात

अल्पसंख्यांकांना नेहमीच धोक्याचे असते. त्यासाठी आपला सांस्कृतिक नि आर्थिक अहंगंड सोडून देशाची अस्मिता संस्कृती इतर धर्मीयांबाबत सौजन्य ती भाषा आदिंबाबत प्रामाणिक रहाणे मिळून मिसळून रहाणे कधीही हिताचे ठरेल. हल्ले दंगे थांबण्यावर अशा सामंजस्य नि समजदारीचा नक्कीच सकारात्मक परिणाम होत असतो.

एवढे वाद लढाया घरात, देशात, जगात ह्या जागा समृद्धी वरूनच होत असतात. त्यासाठी संवेदनशील धर्माचे हत्यार मात्र वापरले जाते....

**NOVENA TO ST. IGNATIUS – DAY ONE**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025**

**Hymn:** Listen, let your heart keep seeking; Listen, to his constant speaking, listen to the Spirit calling you. Listen to his inspiration, listen to his invitation, listen to the Spirit calling you.

**LISTENING TO THE LORD**



The theme for our reflection today is “**Listening to the Lord**”. The words of the hymn that we sang direct our minds and hearts to what it is that we need to listen to.

The first exhortation is to let our hearts keep seeking. In the Sermon on the Mount, the Lord is emphatic when he says that if we SEEK, we WILL find (Mt 7:7). We seek God’s will. For Jesus, his food and drink were to DO God’s will (Jn 4:34). In other words, his very sustenance (his reason for living) was to accord his will with that of God.

The fact is that God is constantly speaking with us. God speaks with us in silence and through the events, which occur every day. God speaks when things go as we plan and even when our plans go awry. God is constantly speaking, if we only open our hearts and minds to listen, we WILL hear God’s voice.

To what is the Spirit calling us? Since the Spirit is the Spirit of freedom, love and peace, it is evident that this is what the Spirit calls us to. We are not slaves, because Jesus has redeemed us and set us free. We love, because God first loved us (1Jn 4:19) and in our war-torn world, the Spirit is inviting us to be instruments of peace and love when and where we can. This peace and love are not merely the absence of war and an emotion, but wholeness as represented by the word Shalom. It is a peace/wholeness, which encompasses every aspect of lives.

(SILENCE)

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

1. That like you we too may always seek to do God’s will in our lives  
St. Ignatius intercede for us
2. That like you we may always strive for the Magis, the greater glory of God  
St. Ignatius intercede for us
3. That like you, we may seek and find God in all things and all things in God  
St. Ignatius intercede for us
4. That like you we may realise the temporariness and impermanence of things in this world  
St. Ignatius intercede for us
5. That like you we may be gifted with the gift of perseverance and never giving up  
St. Ignatius intercede for us
6. That like you we may be men and women for others

St. Ignatius intercede for us

7. That like you we may be optimistic and positive about people and situations

St. Ignatius intercede for us

8. That like you we may be responders and not reactors

St. Ignatius intercede for us

9. That like you we may be men and women of discernment

St. Ignatius intercede for us

10. That like you we may keep seeking the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit. St. Ignatius intercede for us

11. That like you we make God the centre of our lives

St. Ignatius intercede for us

12. That like you we may constantly turn to our Blessed Mother Mary for her intercession

St. Ignatius intercede for us

(SILENCE)

### **PETITIONARY PRAYER**

1. For the grace to silence our minds and hearts.

Lord hear our prayer

2. For the grace to rid ourselves of all that keeps us from accepting God's will.

Lord hear our prayer

3. For the courage to wait on the Lord, confident that we will hear his voice if we are attentive.

Lord hear our prayer

4. For a heart that is empty of self-love and selfish interest.

Lord hear our prayer

5. For the intentions of our hearts.

Lord hear our prayer.

**Let us Pray:**

Loving Father you always listen to our prayers. We place these petitions before you to acknowledge that we are dependent on you. Grant what in your generosity and wisdom you know is best for us.

We ask this through the intercession of St. Ignatius of you, the Son and Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

### **NOVENA PRAYER**

- St. Ignatius, like Jesus your Lord and Master, you always desired to do God's will. May we through your intercession and the intercession of our Blessed Mother learn to imitate Jesus in always seeking to do God's will. (Make your petition)
  - St. Ignatius, like Jesus your Lord and Master you always sought the greater glory of God and were not content with the status quo, the tried and tested. May we through your intercession and the intercession of our Blessed Mother learn to imitate Jesus in seeking the greater glory of God (make your petition)
  - St. Ignatius, like Jesus your Lord and Master you strove to become a man for others. May we through your intercession and the intercession of our Blessed Mother learn to imitate Jesus in becoming men and women for others. (Make your petition).
- We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

God of revelation, you reveal your will to us through the daily events of life, the people we encounter, the things we use and the situations of life. We pray for the grace of open and receptive hearts. Let our one desire be to listen attentively to what you would have us do and have the courage to do it. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Hymn:** Listen, let your heart keep seeking; Listen, to his constant speaking, listen to the Spirit calling you. Listen to his inspiration, listen to his invitation, listen to the Spirit calling you.

**NOVENA TO ST. IGNATIUS – DAY TWO**  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2025**

**Hymn:** O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me. To me Jesus is wonderful. To me Jesus is wonderful. To me Jesus is wonderful because he first loved me.

**DEEP PERSONAL LOVE FOR GOD**



The theme for our reflection today is **“Deep Personal Love for God”**. Love is not an emotion. It is the only reality. Love is not blind. It is clear sighted.

In his first letter, John makes many telling points about the reality of love. The first of these is that “We love because God first loved us.” (1 Jn 4:19). This means that all that we know about love has been revealed and taught to us by Jesus. He is the epitome of love. He is love incarnate. John then goes on to say, “in this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.” (1 Jn 4:10)

This love which God has for us is unconditional. The truth is that God loves us **EVEN** when we are sinners. God’s love is given as a free gift. This can be accepted or rejected. It is one thing for God to love us, and another thing for us to accept that love. We show that we accept this love when we love our brothers and sisters whom we can see. There is no other way. (1Jn 4:10-20)

The love that we have for others is often barter exchange. We keep expecting something in return for the love that we give. We pray that we will become aware that since God’s love for us is without conditions, the love that we profess will be selfless and without any expectation whatsoever. (SILENCE)

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

1. That like you we too may always seek to do God’s will in our lives  
St. Ignatius intercede for us
2. That like you we may always strive for the Magis, the greater glory of God  
St. Ignatius intercede for us
3. That like you, we may seek and find God in all things and all things in God  
St. Ignatius intercede for us
4. That like you we may realise the temporariness and impermanence of things in this world  
St. Ignatius intercede for us
5. That like you we may be gifted with the gift of perseverance and never giving up  
St. Ignatius intercede for us
6. That like you we may be men and women for others  
St. Ignatius intercede for us
7. That like you we may be optimistic and positive about people and situations  
St. Ignatius intercede for us
8. That like you we may be responders and not reactors

St. Ignatius intercede for us

9. That like you we may be men and women of discernment

St. Ignatius intercede for us

10. That like you we may keep seeking the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit. St. Ignatius intercede for us

11. That like you we may make God the centre of our lives

St. Ignatius intercede for us

12. That like you we may constantly turn to our Blessed Mother Mary for her intercession

St. Ignatius intercede for us

(SILENCE)

### **PETITIONARY PRAYER**

1. For the grace to make God known not only by our words but also by deeds

Lord, hear our prayer

2. For the grace to give without counting the cost

Lord, hear our prayer

3. For the courage to be more and more loving each day

Lord, hear our prayer

4. For concern like that of God for those who are less fortunate than we are

Lord hear our prayer

5. For our personal intentions

Lord, hear our prayer

### **Let us Pray:**

Loving Father you always listen to our prayers. We place these petitions before you to acknowledge that we are dependent on you. Grant what you in your generosity and wisdom know is best for us. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

### **NOVENA PRAYER**

- St. Ignatius, like Jesus your Lord and Master, you always desired to do God's will. May we through your intercession and the intercession of our Blessed Mother learn to imitate Jesus in always seeking to do God's will. (Make your petition)
- St. Ignatius, like Jesus your Lord and Master you always sought the greater glory of God and were not content with the status quo, the tried and tested. May we through your intercession and the intercession of our Blessed Mother learn to imitate Jesus in seeking the greater glory of God (make your petition)
- St. Ignatius, like Jesus your Lord and Master you strove to become a man for others. May we through your intercession and the intercession of our Blessed Mother learn to imitate Jesus in becoming men and women for others. (Make your petition).

**We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.**

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, we pray for the grace to so open our hearts, that we will experience the tangibility of your love. Let our reception of that love, lead us to make the same love tangible for others. May our love, be a love which shows itself in deeds. We ask this in your name. who live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit one God forever and ever. Amen.

**Hymn:** O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me. To me Jesus is wonderful. To me Jesus is wonderful. To me Jesus is wonderful because he first loved me.

**NOVENA TO ST. IGNATIUS – DAY THREE**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2025**

**HYMN:** CHORUS: Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers that you do unto me. Whatsoever you do to the least of my sisters that you do unto me.

When I was hungry, you gave me to eat; when I was thirsty, you gave me to drink. Now enter into the home of my Father. CHORUS.

**CONTEMPLATION IN ACTION**



The theme for our reflection today is “**Contemplation in Action**”. Contemplation means meditation, reflection or prayer. It is usually regarded as something theoretical. It need not be.

In the life of Jesus, contemplation was practical. It would lead him to action. His actions would bring him back to contemplation and this contemplation would lead him to further action. It was a cyclic process. His intimacy with his Father made him aware of the Father’s will, which was to make people whole. This intimacy also led him to act and through his actions to DO the Father’s will.

There are 9 instances unique to the Gospel of Luke where the prayer of Jesus leads him to innovative and decisive action. Some of these are as follows: Just before his Baptism, he prays for the strength to accept the invitation from God to be King who becomes King by being Servant. Before the choice of the Twelve, he prays for the grace to choose those who will help him to further God’s kingdom. He then chooses them. In the Garden of Gethsemane, he prays for the strength to go right up to Calvary, and he does. On the Cross he shows forgiveness for his adversaries, as he instructed his disciples they must do, by asking God to forgive them and making a case for their forgiveness.

Jesus shows us that Prayer cannot be separated from action. We are all called to be contemplatives in action. We are called to live out our prayer.

(SILENCE)

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

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St. Ignatius intercede for us
2. That like you we may always strive for the Magis, the greater glory of God  
St. Ignatius intercede for us
3. That like you, we may seek and find God in all things and all things in God  
St. Ignatius intercede for us
4. That like you we may realise the temporariness and impermanence of things in this world  
St. Ignatius intercede for us
5. That like you we may be gifted with the gift of perseverance and never giving up  
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6. That like you we may be men and women for others  
St. Ignatius intercede for us
7. That like you we may be optimistic and positive about people and situations

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8. That like you we may be responders and not reactors  
St. Ignatius intercede for us
  9. That like you we may be men and women of discernment  
St. Ignatius intercede for us
  10. That like you we may keep seeking the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit. St. Ignatius intercede for us
  11. That like you we may make God the centre of our lives  
St. Ignatius intercede for us
  12. That like you we may constantly turn to our Blessed Mother Mary for her intercession  
St. Ignatius intercede for us
- (SILENCE)

### **PETITIONARY PRAYER**

1. For the grace to find God in all things especially the poor and the marginalized  
Lord hear our prayer
2. For the grace to realise that God is present even in the seemingly negative events of life  
Lord hear our prayer
3. For the grace not to separate our words from our actions  
Lord hear our prayer
4. For the grace to mean what we say and to be true to our word  
Lord hear our prayer
5. We pause now to pray for our personal intentions. (Pause). For the intentions of our hearts.  
Lord hear our prayer

#### **Let us pray:**

Loving Father, you always listen to our prayers. We place these petitions before you to acknowledge our dependence on you. Grant what you know is best for us. We ask this of you, God, Father, Son and Spirit who live and reign forever and ever.

### **NOVENA PRAYER**

- St. Ignatius, like Jesus your Lord and Master, you always desired to do God's will. May we through your intercession and the intercession of our Blessed Mother learn to imitate Jesus in always seeking to do God's will. (Make your petition)
- St. Ignatius, like Jesus your Lord and Master you always sought the greater glory of God and were not content with the status quo, the tried and tested. May we through your intercession and the intercession of our Blessed Mother learn to imitate Jesus in seeking the greater glory of God (make your petition)
- St. Ignatius, like Jesus your Lord and Master you strove to become a man for others. May we through your intercession and the intercession of our Blessed Mother learn to imitate Jesus in becoming men and women for others. (Make your petition).

**We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.**

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

God, Creator and Sustainer of the Universe, we pray that we may have the grace and courage to open our eyes, minds and hearts to the revelation of your grace and love. Give us the grace to see and find you in all things, and all things in you. We make our prayer in the love we have for you.

**NOVENA TO ST. IGNATIUS – DAY FOUR**  
**FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2025**

**HYMN:** When I needed a neighbour were you there, were you there? When I needed a neighbour were you there? And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, were you there? Were you there?  
I was cold, I was hungry, were you there, were you there? I was cold I was hungry were you there? And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, were you there? Were you there?

**TOTAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE LIVES OF THE NEEDY**



The theme for our reflection today is “**Total Involvement in the lives of the needy**”. Jesus never sat on the sidelines and criticized. He joined the action and was unafraid to get his hands dirty. He got involved in the lives of people and especially the poor. He saw Simon’s mother-in-law in bed with a fever. He took her by the hand, lifted her up and she got up and served. He sought and found the paralytic at the pool of Bethzatha and healed him. He saw the 5,000 hungry people before him and fed them with physical and spiritual bread. He seeks Zacchaeus out and offers him the gift of salvation.

Rev 3:20 brings out this proactiveness of Jesus. In this verse we read, “**Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to them and eat with them, and they with me.**” This verse makes two striking points. The first is that it is Jesus who takes the first step. It is he who take the initiative. He comes to us. He stands at our door. The second is that - by knocking - he is willing to take the risk of being insulted if we do not open the door. He also takes the risk of being told that we do not want him to come in. His unconditional love for us prompts him to take the initiative and risk. His love is so undiluted that while he will never force himself, he will always be available.

How will I respond to Jesus’ coming to my door? How will I respond when I hear the knock?

(SILENCE)

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

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St. Ignatius intercede for us

(SILENCE)

### **PETITIONARY PRAYER**

1. For the grace to open the doors of our hearts to the knock of the Lord  
Lord hear our prayer
2. For the grace to show our faith in action  
Lord hear our prayer
3. For the courage to get our hands dirty by reaching out in love  
Lord hear our prayer
4. For the strength to persevere in acts of love even in face of ingratitude  
Lord hear our prayer
5. We pause now for our personal intentions. (Pause). For the intentions of our hearts.  
Lord hear our prayer

### **Let us pray:**

Loving Father, you always listen to our prayers. We place these petitions in front of you to acknowledge that we are dependent on you. Grant what you know is best for us. We ask this of you, God who loves and reigns forever and ever.

### **NOVENA PRAYER**

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**We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.**

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Father, Son and Spirit, we ask you to open our hearts to the cries of the poor and marginalised. May this openness lead to our reaching out to them in tangible ways. May we be men and women who will not only say Lord, Lord, but who will show our faith in deeds that make people whole. We make this prayer in your name who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

**NOVENA TO ST. IGNATIUS – DAY FIVE**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2025**

**Hymn:** Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened for the love of the Lord has no end. Is there anyone here when their son asks for bread will turn him away with a stone instead? Is there anyone here when his son asks for meat will give him a poisonous snake to eat?

**FINDING GOD IN ALL THINGS AND ALL THINGS IN GOD**



The theme for our reflection today is **“Finding God in all things and all things in God”**. Our God is not a God who created the world and left it to its own design. Our God is a God who is constantly involved in our world. This is evident in the numerous prophets, mentors, guides and messengers that God keeps sending. Many of us are aware of this and have experienced God’s involvement and presence. God speaks with us through these messengers and also through the events and happenings of everyday life. When a flower blooms, when a child is born, when a kind word is spoken, when an action of love is performed, we realize that God is present, and continues to be. We feel in the deepest recesses of our beings this tangible presence of God.

The definitive way in which God spoke was through his Son, Jesus. Jesus is the epitome of all that is life, and life in all its fullness. He is the truth and the life. He is the way that leads to God. The prayer that he taught his disciples is indicative of the fact that for him, everything began with God, revolved around God and returned to God. He could find God when he raised Jairus’ daughter from the dead and commanded the dead Lazarus to come out of the tomb. However, he also found God when he hung on the cross and on it breathed his last.

We may find it difficult to find God when there is division and strife; when there is selfishness and war. The truth is, however, that God always works for our good. On the surface level, the injury that Ignatius received during the battle of Pamplona would have seemed a setback, an obstruction and certainly not an act of God’s presence and love in his life. However, it was this seeming setback that set Ignatius forward. He ‘saw’ God’s hand in his injury. In and through it, he was transformed into a man for others. His own transformation led him to be the instrument which transformed the lives of millions of other men and women. Will I seek and find God in everything that happens to me today?

(SILENCE)

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

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St. Ignatius intercede for us
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12. That like you we may constantly turn to our Blessed Mother Mary for her intercession  
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(SILENCE)

### **PETITIONARY PRAYER**

1. For the grace to find God in all things and all things in God.

Lord hear our prayer

2. For the grace to believe even when we cannot see

Lord hear our prayer

3. For the grace to find God in all things especially in the poor and the marginalized

Lord hear our prayer

4. For the grace to realise that God is present even in the seemingly negative events of life

Lord hear our prayer

5. For the intentions of our hearts.

Lord hear our prayer.

### **Let us Pray:**

Loving Father you always listen to our prayers. We place these petitions before you to acknowledge that we are dependent on you. Grant what in your generosity and wisdom you know is best for us.

We ask this through the intercession of St. Ignatius of you, the Son and Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

### **NOVENA PRAYER**

- St. Ignatius, like Jesus your Lord and Master, you always desired to do God's will. May we through your intercession and the intercession of our Blessed Mother learn to imitate Jesus in always seeking to do God's will. (Make your petition)
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**We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.**

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

God of revelation, you make your will known to us through the daily events of life, the people we encounter, the things we use and the situations of life. We pray for the grace of open and receptive hearts. Let our one desire be to listen attentively to what you would have us do and have the courage to do it. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**NOVENA TO ST. IGNATIUS – DAY SIX**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025**

**HYMN:** All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give. I will ever love and trust him in his presence daily live. I surrender all, I surrender all, all to thee my blessed Saviour, I surrender all.

**DISCERNMENT – READING THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES**



The theme for our reflection today is “**Discernment – Reading the signs of the times.**”

We keep making decisions many times every day. These decisions can be as regular as waking up when the alarm rings or continuing to sleep; taking a bus, metro, train to work or going by a private vehicle, eating vegetarian food on all days of the week except Sunday and so on.

There are times in our lives, however, when we have to make life-changing decisions. Ought I to change my job or remain in the present one? Ought I to marry or remain single? Ought I to emigrate or remain in the State/Country in which I am? Decisions like these are made through a process of discernment.

Discernment has been defined as “the ability to judge and choose well”. It is used as a synonym for wisdom and right judgement.

A practical example of discernment is given to us in the choice of Matthias in the place of Judas (Acts 1:15-26). Peter and his companions use scripture, facts and prayer to make the choice of Matthias. The Scripture (Pss 69:25 and 109:8) according to Peter would be fulfilled when Judas’ place was filled. The facts were that the one who would be chosen was to be one who had accompanied the disciples throughout the time that Jesus was among them. The names proposed based on these facts were Joseph Barsabbas (Justus) and Matthias. They then prayed to the Lord for openness to God’s will and cast lots. The lot fell on Matthias who was chosen.

A similar discernment was done in the recent election of Robert Francis Cardinal Prevost. The Cardinal electors entered the conclave aware of the signs of the times. Since there were 133 Cardinal electors representing 70 countries of the world there would have been a general awareness of the needs of the present world. They took these to prayer, along with the names of those Cardinals who would be able to best respond to these needs. The first three ballots threw up names. The fourth ballot, however, was the one which chose Robert Francis Cardinal Prevost who is now Pope Leo XIV.

When we are called to make important life changing decisions like the ones mentioned above, these two examples are good starting points for us.

(SILENCE)

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

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St. Ignatius intercede for us
- (SILENCE)

### **PETITIONARY PRAYER**

1. For the grace to open our hearts to the prompting of God's Spirit  
Lord hear our prayer
2. For the grace to rid ourselves from all the prevents us from accepting God's will  
Lord hear our prayer
3. For the patience to wait on the Lord  
Lord hear our prayer
4. For the grace to know that God's will is better than what we would want  
Lord hear our prayer
5. We pause now to pray for our personal intentions....  
Lord hear our prayer

### **NOVENA PRAYER**

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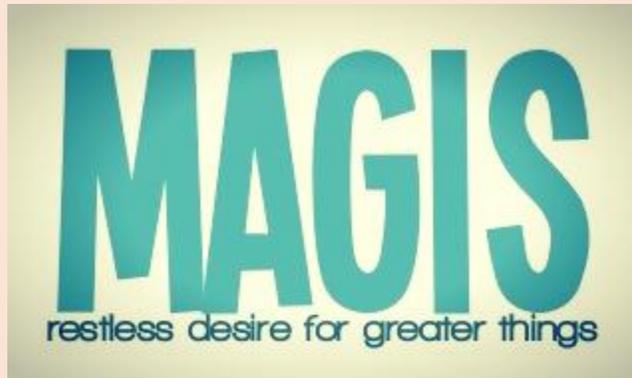
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

God of love and mercy, we pray for the gift of openness and receptivity. Let our openness allow us to listen to the constant promptings of your Spirit. Let all our decision be made with the one desire to do your will. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**HYMN:** O Lord all the world belongs to you and you are always making all things new. What is wrong, you forgive and the new life you give, it's what's turning the world upside down. The world's only loving to its friends. But your way of loving never ends. Loving enemies too and this loving with you, it's what's turning the world upside down.

## **THE MAGIS**



The theme for our reflection today is “The Magis”, which means the ever-greater glory of God, the ever-fuller service of men and women, the more universal good. Mediocrity and the Magis are opposites. Magis means the constant search for the newer, the better, the more. The Magis must permeate all that we do.

Often, we are content with the “status quo”, the known, the tried, the already existing. Being men and women of the Magis means that we are constantly driven to discover, re-define and reach out for the newer, the better, the more. The Magis is always on the verge of re-definition. When we become men and women of the Magis, the good becomes better, the better becomes better still, and the better still, becomes still better and the still better becomes better still. Frontiers and boundaries are not obstacles, but new challenges to be faced, new opportunities to be welcomed, new ways to discover. The Magis moves us to a holy boldness, which has its roots in our faith in Jesus.

In a day and in an age when a person's worth is often measured by what he or she has or possesses, the “Magis” comes as a breath of fresh air. When so many are striving to “achieve” greatness by increasing their possessions and material wealth, the Magis invites and challenges us to focus not on having but “on being”. When so many are placing their trust in externals like wealth and property, the Magis invites us to realise the temporariness and passing nature of all things and that God alone is eternal and permanent. When so many have made “things” ends in themselves and are possessed by them, the Magis challenges us to realise that the basic reason of our creation and existence is to love and serve God and to be happy with God forever.

In the context of our reflection on the Magis we can ask ourselves these questions. Am I content with mediocrity and the status quo? Am I content with the tried and tested? Have I become complacent?

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(SILENCE)

### **PETITIONARY PRAYER**

1. For the grace to get over our mediocrity  
Lord hear our prayer
2. For the grace to dream big and work towards making those dreams a reality  
Lord hear our prayer
3. For the grace to keep climbing newer heights in our desire to reach out to others  
Lord hear our prayer
4. For the grace to trod newer paths in our service of God and humankind  
Lord hear our prayer
5. We pause now to pray for our personal intentions.  
Lord hear our prayer

### **Let us Pray:**

Loving God even as we ask for what we need, we know that will grant us what is best for us through Christ our Lord. Amen

### **NOVENA PRAYER**

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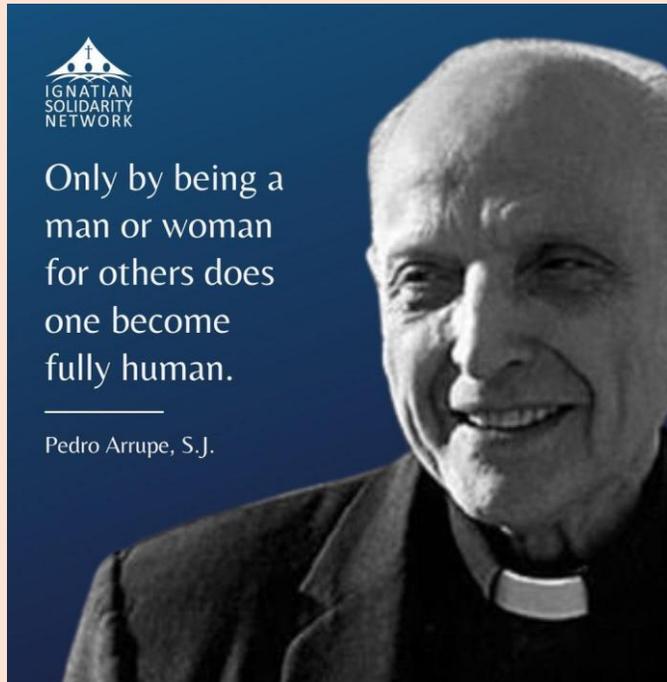
### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

God, Eternal father, we pray that through your grace we may always be in search of newer ways of reaching out to those in need. May we have the courage to follow in the footsteps of you Son who went about doing good and furthering your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**NOVENA TO ST. IGNATIUS – DAY NINE**  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2025**

**HYMN:** Jesus, you are my salvation, Jesus you're my inspiration, Jesus you're the treasure of my life. Jesus you offer new sight to the blind, healing the crippled, the deaf and the mute, cleansing the leper and banishing ills, raising the dead to life. Jesus, you are my salvation, Jesus you're my inspiration, Jesus you're the treasure of my life.

**MEN AND WOMEN FOR OTHERS**



It was the charismatic, prophetic and loveable Fr. Pedro Arrupe a much loved former General of the Society of Jesus who first used the term “Men and Women for others”. For him one of the main reasons for the existence of the Society of Jesus was to form men and women for others.

This approach means that in all the activities of the Society of Jesus whether educational, pastoral or social, the prime focus would be outward i.e. on others. A Jesuit institution exists not for itself and not merely to inform and educate, but in order to form individuals whose outlook to life will be selfless and other-centered.

In John’s Passion narrative, when Pilate comes back into the Praetorium after meeting the belligerent crowd, and asks Jesus “Where are you from?”. (Jn19:9), he is not asking Jesus for his address or where he was brought up. Rather, he is asking Jesus where he gets his strength from. Pilate has just heard the crowd baying for Jesus’ blood, yet Jesus is calm, collected and serene. For Pilate this is unbelievable. Jesus must be a divine being or some sort of extraordinary man. Pilate is aware that any other person would collapse at the sound of the people’s voices. Jesus does not. Thus, the question that Pilate asks ought to be translated in the following manner: “Where do you get your strength from?” or How is that you can continue to stay calm and collected when it seems like the whole world is against you? Or even a request, a plea “Give me some of that inner strength that you possess.”

Taking a cue from the inner strength of Jesus and from the term of Fr. Arrupe “men and women for others”, the Society of Jesus wants that people who encounter Jesuits and those formed by Jesuits ask about them this question, “Who are you, that you do these things and that you do them in this way?”

This question is made of three separate questions. The first is about Identity. This means that though we do not wear any external distinguishing marks, our very person makes people ask this question about us. The kind of persons we are - to paraphrase Rudyard Kipling – enables us “to keep our heads when all around us are losing theirs and blaming it on us”. It enables us to “trust ourselves when people doubt us and make allowance for their doubting too”. It enables “not to deal in lies even when we are lied to and being hated not give way to hating”.

The second is about the kind of work that we do. It is work that not many want to take up, because it does not bring immediate results or does not pay much in monetary terms. It is work that requires perseverance like the perseverance of the gardener who plants the seed and then tends it for years day and night to ensure that it will live to its potential. It is to accept that some of the seed planted will not bear fruit or grow as it ought to and yet not to give in to despair or lose but to keep on keeping on.

The third is about “our way of proceeding”, namely, the manner in which we do the work that we do. In this regard, the quality that sets us apart is that of detachment. We do not focus on the result, but on the action. We do what needs to be done to the best of our ability and then are detached from the outcome or result and leave it in God’s hands. The reason why we can do that is because we know in the depth of our hearts that the Mission to build God’s kingdom of justice, peace and love, is God’s Mission and not ours. In the words of Jesus, like the Father makes the sun rise on the evil and good and send rain on the righteous and unrighteous, so must we do good to whomever we can, wherever we can and whenever we can.

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### **PETITIONARY PRAYER**

1. For the grace to act with no expectation of reward,  
Lord hear our prayer
2. For the grace to remain optimistic no matter how people respond to what we do  
Lord hear our prayer
3. For the grace to focus on the present moment and act efficaciously in it  
Lord hear our prayer
4. For the grace to so speak and act that we will always communicate love  
Lord hear our prayer
5. We pray now for our personal intentions  
Lord hear our prayer

#### **Let us Pray:**

Loving God even as we ask for what we need, we know that will grant us what is best for us through Christ our Lord. Amen

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We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

#### **Let us Pray:**

God of love and tenderness, we pray that through the intercession of St. Ignatius of Loyola, people who encounter us will ask about us "Who are you, that you do these things and that you do them in this way". (GC 35 d 2 n 10). We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

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