

Josephite Companions' March Prayer Sheet

Gathering: Sit quietly and allow yourself to come to stillness. Breathe in life; breathe out peace. Be conscious of the presence of God within you, around you.



An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you. For Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt. Matt 2:13-15

Joseph was prepared to take risks. He dreamed, listened to God, and stepped into the unknown.



Let yourself be pulled along, shaken up, challenged... And then act. Call up, go visit, offer your service. Say you don't have a clue what they do, but maybe you can help. Say you'd like to be part of a different world, and you thought this might be a good place to start. (Pope Francis; Let us Dream: The Path to a Better Future)

'Let's face the crises affecting people, other species and Earth itself at this time with compassion and urgency.'" SOSJ General Chapter 2019

May God grant you courage and wisdom in all you do and say. Mary MacKillop (1875)

Like Joseph we are called to listen to the 'signs of the times,' to dream, to take a risk and step into the unknown.

How can you follow through on messages you may be receiving from God?

Are there actions you are often prompted to do, but put off?

What are the barriers to following these promptings and are there solutions?

Responding:

We pray that, like Joseph, we may listen to what God is calling us to do and step out with courage and faith.

Spirit of God, hear us

We pray that, like Joseph, we relieve suffering and bring hope to those around us.

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We pray for courage to challenge rules and institutions that allow us to 'pass by' those who suffer.

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Invitation to include other prayers

Companions' Commitment Prayer



We who have been touched
By the spirit of Mary MacKillop & Julian
Tennison Woods
Ask you, God to help us explore and live
out
The Josephite Charism in the world.
Today, we commit ourselves to you
As we recognize your presence
In every person we meet
And reach out
To the suffering and the poor.