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"Be convinced that God will always give you what you need." Mary Ward

"What I do is me, for that I came." G. Manley Hopkins

Chardin

"We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience."

Mary Oliver

"I want to think again of dangerous and noble things. I want to be light and frolicsome. I want to be improbable and beautiful and afraid of nothing as though I had wings."

(in bits and pieces)

One Small Voice

Amen.

Look with mercy on us dear Jesus and help us to grow in your love and compassion.

(Luke 1: 78-79)

"In the tender compassion of our God the dawn shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Let us Pray



We pray with the Church and the World

Many question in their hearts: why a Jubilee of Mercy today? Simply because the Church, in this time of great historical change, is called to offer more evident signs of God's presence and closeness. This is not the time to be distracted; on the contrary, we need to be vigilant and to reawaken in ourselves the capacity to see what is essential. This is a time for the Church to rediscover the meaning of the mission entrusted to her by the Lord on the day of Easter: to be a sign and an instrument of the Father's mercy (cf. *Jn* 20:21-23).

For this reason, the Holy Year must keep alive the desire to know how to welcome the numerous signs of the tenderness which God offers to the whole world and, above all, to those who suffer, who are alone and abandoned, without hope of being pardoned or feeling the Father's love; a Holy Year to experience strongly within ourselves the joy of having been found by Jesus, the Good Shepherd who has come in search of us because we were lost; a Jubilee to receive the warmth of his love when he bears us upon his shoulders and brings us back to the Father's house; a year in which to be touched by the Lord Jesus and to be transformed by his mercy, so that we may become witnesses to mercy.

Here, then, is the reason for the Jubilee: because this is the time for mercy. It is the favourable time to heal wounds, a time not to be weary of meeting all those who are waiting to see and to touch with their hands the signs of the closeness of God, a time to offer everyone the way of forgiveness and reconciliation.

May the Mother of God open our eyes, so that we may comprehend the task to which we have been called; and may she obtain for us the grace to experience this Jubilee of Mercy as faithful and fruitful witnesses of Christ.

Pope Francis: Homily for Divine Mercy Vespers

Let us Remember: All the victims of war, violence, immigrants, trafficked persons, homeless, marginalized, and all the people we promised to pray for...

We Pray with the Institute

On **23rd January** D.Vimala Jenifer, Nirmala Toppo, Noela Tamang, Babina Lepcha, Anima Kerketta, Maxima Toppo, Mariam Ekka, Madhuri Lakra, Kirubina Tigga, Anu Anet Lepcha and Lily Grace Soreng will pronounce their **First Vows in Kolkata.**

We pray with and for them that God's blessing will be with them as they continue on this journey of covenant love and commitment to the Gospel of Jesus. May the whole Institute be a guiding light and witness to their commitment.



We pray for God's blessing on **Nirmala Minj IBVM** from India who will begin her ministry in the Australian Formation House in Manila this month.

Let us remember each other in some very personal and tangible way as we pray **the Mary Ward 2016 prayers January 23-30**. May each one be aware in an ever-deepening way of our oneness of mind and heart as we pray.