

Praying for . . .

Those Seeking Spiritual Support

Holding one another in faith and prayer is an act that sustains each of us while nourishing our own life with God. This sharing is the place where we connect in love, support and perhaps, challenge.

Who can erase the images placed before us of tearful, frightened migrant children huddled together on dirt floors, behind chain-link fences, with no parent or loved one close enough to offer a word of assurance, a touch of love or comfort? No “goodnight hug” from Mom or Dad or friend available to diminish the fear.

Loving God, root us in your love!

We pray daily with our neighbors who grieve the utter destruction of “ALL” that they once called home, as rising global temperatures intensify deadly wildfires, floods, and hurricanes.

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Always in our prayer are those among us who struggle with diminishing health, emotional stress or difficult family issues. Truly we are privileged to walk with those who trust us with their deepest concerns. As Sisters of St. Joseph, we carry always the desire to be “one with” the dear neighbor. And so, day by day, with confident hope, we continue to pray . . .

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~ Sister Clare Reese

Reflection for March

In 1650, our first six Sisters of St. Joseph gathered in Le Puy, France. With the guidance of a Jesuit, Jean Pierre Medaille, these women—mostly lace makers who dressed in the common garb of the day—formed a community to live and pray together and to respond to the needs of the time.

These Ignatian Spiritual roots provide the foundation for how we live, pray and serve the dear neighbor in need.

Today and every day, our Sisters pray for the hundreds of intentions that reach us through personal conversations, phone calls, notes and letters, e-mails, websites and social media sites.

The requests for prayers are abundant and the needs in these troubling times are great.

Prayer—with and for our dear neighbors—is at the core of how we live and serve.

Praying is how we can spiritually reach out and provide comfort to those we know personally and to those we know only through universal life experiences, such as loss, illness, conflict and tragedy.

We also pray with joy as our neighbors celebrate milestones and special occasions.