

# Prayer with the synthesis of the responses to the biblical forms of the 2007-2008 journey

## Personal Prayer

### Invocation of the Spirit

Holy Spirit

Through the intercession of the Queen of Pentecost:

Heal my mind of lack of reflection,

Ignorance, forgetfulness, obstinacy,

Prejudice, error, perversion,

And form Wisdom, Jesus Christ – Truth in everything.

Heal my heart of indifference,

Diffidence, bad inclinations, passions,

Overly sentimental feelings, attachments,

And form good taste, feelings, inclinations,

Jesus Christ – Life, in everything.

Heal my will of lack of Will-power, fickleness, inconstancy

Sloth, stubbornness, bad habits

And form Jesus Christ -Way in me,

New love for whatever Jesus Christ loves

And for Jesus Christ himself.

Uplift in God-like way

Intelligence with the gift of understanding,

Wisdom with the gift of wisdom,

Knowledge with the gift of knowledge,

Prudence with the gift of Counsel,

Justice with the gift of piety,

Strength with the gift of spiritual strength,

Temperance with the gift of the fear of the Lord.





## In listening of the Spirit

### ✓ From the first letter of Peter (5-8)

To the elders among you I, a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and sharer in the glory that is to be revealed, make this appeal. God's flock is in your midst: give it a shepherd's care. Watch over it willingly as God would have you do, not under constraint; not for shameful profit either but generously. Be examples to the flock, not lording it over those assigned to you, so that when the chief Shepherd appears you will win for yourselves the unfading crown of glory. In the same way, you younger men must be obedient to the elders. In your relations with one another, clothe yourselves with humility because God is stern with the arrogant but to the humble he shows kindness. Bow humbly under God's mighty hand, so that in due time he may lift you high. Cast all your cares on him because he cares for you. Stay sober and alert. Your opponent the devil is prowling like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

### ✓ From our Rule of Life

- 10** Our apostolic mission in the local Church is characterized by the service of the Word in evangelization and catechesis, liturgical animation, the training of pastoral leaders, as well as those other forms of service which conform to our charism in accord with the needs of time and place.
- 11** We collaborate with the pastors with that joint sense of responsibility that flows from the complementarity of gifts in an atmosphere of mutual esteem and trust aimed at giving rise to new forms of cooperation in the Christian community for the service of ecclesial communion.
- 12** We carry out our apostolic service in obedience to the bishop and in keeping with the pastoral orientation of the local Church.
- 13** We share in the building up and growth of the Christian Community proclaiming the whole Christ to the whole person and to all men in the apostolic spirit of the Founder.
- 14** Moved by the compassion of Christ Shepherd for the fatigued and disoriented masses, we give our particular concern to those who do not

yet believed in Him or who are still far from Him, “to the lost sheep, to the grass roots of society, to hearts and souls thirsting for truth, well being and peace”.

**15** In animating the local Church in faith and charity, we are to pay close attention and respect to the culture and the historical situation of the people with whom we are journeying, strengthening this gesture by our intuition, our dedication and our joy.

**16** Faithful to the heritage of Fr. Alberione we are to discern in our pastoral mission the signs of the times and to use advantageously the means of social communication, sharing the spirit of the Pauline Family.

✓ **The experience of the sisters and of the community ...**

(Personal reading of the synthesis of the responses to the Biblical forms of the 2007-2008 journey towards the seminar on the ministry of pastoral care)



**Interiorization and reflection:**

After having considered the sharing of life of the sisters and of the community: which inspirations, lights, challenges come for our life and mission?



I write that which emerge in the personal prayer to share it in the community



**Prayer**

With a prayer, which I freely choose, I present to the Lord what the Spirit has provoked in the listening of the Spirit.



## For the communitarian sharing

1. Invocation to the Holy Spirit
2. Reading of the text of the Word prayed
3. Sharing of that which each one has gathered in the personal prayer.
4. Period of silence to welcome the sharing of each sister and understand towards where the Lord calls us to journey in our ministry of pastoral care, in the reality wherein we find ourselves.
5. Sharing of that which seems to us that the Lord would have wanted to tell us.
6. Together we give thanks for the lights received and we ask the grace to be faithful.



## In order to make memory of the Biblical itinerary 2007-2008

**Theme:** *“Not that we lord it over your faith;  
rather, we work together for your joy” (2Cor. 1: 24)*

- ❖ **Worksheet 1: Phil. 3:3-14:** *“I looked on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ...”*.
- ❖ **Worksheet 2: 1Cor. 9:1-25:** *“I do all for the sake of the Gospel...”*.
- ❖ **Worksheet 3: 2Tim. 1:6-18:** *“Stir into flame the gift of God ...”*
- ❖ **Worksheet 4: 2Tim. 2:1-13:** *“Draw strength that comes from Jesus Christ ...”*.
- ❖ **Worksheet 5: Eph. 6:10-20:** *“Put on the armor of God...”*.

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