

# NOVENA

*in preparation to the*



*from July 5th to July 13th 2022*



## **1st Day - Tuesday, July 5th 2022**

*(DAILY INTENTION FOR OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS, FOR THE BISHOPS, AND FOR THE PRIESTS)*

**- In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**- Holy Spirit Song**

**- Halleluja- intro to the Gospel**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (Lk 14,16-23)**

But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant[a] to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.

**From the words of Pope Francis: (HOMILY - November 5th 2013)**

"A Christian is one who is invited. invited to what? to go shopping? to go for a walk? the Lord has much more in store for us: 'you are invited to a feast!' He says.

We celebrate with others, we celebrate in our family, we celebrate with friends, and we celebrate with all those who are invited, just as I was invited. To be a Christian one must feel belonging, and we belong to this Holy Body, we belong to the people who are invited to the feast: this is the true Christian membership."

So who belongs to the church, to this feast?

Sinners, all us Sinners are invited. And what shall we do? we celebrate by being present. We must participate, and participate totally. We cannot understand the essence of Christianity without understanding this participation. We must all participate. Let us ask the Lord for this Grace: to truly understand the beauty of having been invited to this feast, the beauty of being able to share are qualities with all the other guests, and the beauty of being in His presence.

**HOLY SPIRIT WE THANK YOU BECAUSE POPE FRANCIS, DURING HIS VISIT TO OUR COMMUNITY HOUSE IN ROME LAST DECEMBER, TOOK INSPIRATION FROM THIS HOLY GOSPEL AND TOLD US THAT NOT ONLY ARE WE INVITED TO THE LORD'S FEAST, BUT THE FEAST IS FOR US. WE PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS, FOR THE MISSION THAT GOD HAS ASSIGNED TO HIM, AND FOR HIS HEALTH. HOLY SPIRIT GUIDE HIM, SUSTAIN HIM, AND ENLIGHTEN HIM.**

**Our Father, 10 Hail Mary, Glory Be**

**- PRAYER WITH MADRE ELVIRA:**

Mother of waiting, who seeks with her heart, with her teary gaze,  
Her children lost in a world that has abandoned God.

We thank you because your love has led us here to give life, hope, joy, and faith  
to many young men and women, and to all those who seek truth, forgiveness, and peace.

We abandon ourselves to you, our most beloved Mother,  
that you may educate and teach us to listen to the Living Word,  
your son the Risen Christ, to one day reunite with him  
in his Kingdom of light and salvation.

Here we are Mary, we are with you now and always. Amen.

**- In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **2nd DAY- Wednesday, July 6th 2022**

*(DAILY INTENTION FOR MOTHER ELVIRA)*

**- In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**- Holy Spirit Song**

**-Hymn before the Word of God**

**A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2,1-4)**

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

**- Sparks of Light from Mother Elvira - The day of Pentecost in the Cenacle**

This community of ours was called the Upper Room precisely in reference to those poor apostles who, when they no longer had Jesus in their midst, were deathly afraid and took refuge in the Upper Room, in this great hall; the apostles were in the Upper Room with Our Lady.

Jesus had promised that He would send the Holy Spirit but they didn't know where to gather and they went to that big room with Mary to wait for the Holy Spirit, to wait for this event. They didn't know what was going to happen but they were so afraid. Why? Because they could no longer find Jesus who had been crucified. Here, without this presence of Jesus, we no longer know where to run, how to escape. We too have had this experience! When we have lost the Lord, we become stragglers, stragglers. Your mom is no longer worthwhile, your dad bothers you, you are jealous of your siblings .. so many things happen and you think others always have more than you. Why all this? You don't even recognize your own mother anymore! When we meet Him everything, everything is in vain.

We too are waiting, like the apostles, for the coming of the Holy Spirit, who will not come just to transform us all in an instant, making so much noise. They heard thunder, they came out saying, "but what's going on, it's 9 o'clock in the morning and they're all drunk already, these..."

Instead they had shaken off their fear. The Holy Spirit, which was the spirit of the Risen Jesus, came upon them and they were no longer afraid, so much so that they started evangelizing all over the place.

It depends now on the door, how much space we give to the entry of the Holy Spirit, how much space we give at the back, we can say, how much space we give to prayer.

**HOLY SPIRIT WE THANK YOU BECAUSE YOU CALLED MOTHER ELVIRA TO GIVE LIFE TO THE CENACLE COMMUNITY. WE THANK YOU FOR HER LIFE CONSUMED IN LOVE AND SELF-GIVING. WE ASK YOU TO SUSTAIN HER WITH THE STRENGTH OF FAITH IN THIS TIME OF THE CROSS.**

**Our Father, 10 hail Mary, Glory Be**

**- PRAYER WITH MADRE ELVIRA:**

Mother of waiting, who seeks with her heart, with her teary gaze,  
Her children lost in a world that has abandoned God.

We thank you because your love has led us here to give life, hope, joy, and faith  
to many young men and women, and to all those who seek truth, forgiveness, and peace.

We abandon ourselves to you, our most beloved Mother,  
that you may educate and teach us to listen to the Living Word,  
your son the Risen Christ, to one day reunite with him  
in his Kingdom of light and salvation.

Here we are Mary, we are with you now and always. Amen.

**- In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### **3rd DAY - Thursday, July 7th 2022**

*(DAILY INTENTION FOR OUR MISSION HOUSES AND OUR MISSIONARIES)*

**- In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**- Holy Spirit Song**

**- Halleluja - intro to the Gospel**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (Lk 2:1-15)**

While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

**WE THANK YOU LORD BECAUSE EVERY LIFE THAT IS BORN IS A FEAST.  
THANK YOU FOR ALL THOSE WHO SPEND THEIR LIVES FOR OTHERS.  
TODAY WE PRAY FOR ALL THE CHILDREN WELCOMED IN OUR MISSIONS AND FOR ALL THE  
MISSIONARIES. GRANT THAT IN WALKING TOGETHER ALL MAY FIND THE JOY OF LIFE BY  
DISCOVERING THE BEAUTY OF SERVING AND LOVING.**

**Our Father, 10 Hail Mary, Glory Be**

**- PRAYER WITH MADRE ELVIRA:**

Mother of waiting, who seeks with her heart, with her teary gaze,  
Her children lost in a world that has abandoned God.  
We thank you because your love has led us here to give life, hope, joy, and faith  
to many young men and women, and to all those who seek truth, forgiveness, and peace.  
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your son the Risen Christ, to one day reunite with him  
in his Kingdom of light and salvation.  
Here we are Mary, we are with you now and always. Amen.

**- In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **4th DAY - Friday, July 8th 2022**

*(DAILY INTENTION FOR THE YOUTH AND ALL THOSE WELCOMED IN OUR COMMUNITY)*

**- In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**- Holy Spirit Song**

**- Halleluja - intro to the Gospel**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (Lk 15,4-10)**

Jesus told this parable:

“What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance. “Or what woman having ten coins\* and losing one would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it? And when she does find it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says to them, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost.’ In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

**From the words of Pope Francis (GENERAL AUDIENCE - May 4, 2016)**

The Shepherd, then, is the only real protagonist and everything depends on him. The parable opens with a question: ““What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost, until he finds it?” (Lk 15:4). It is a paradox that arouses doubt about the action of the Shepherd: is it wise to abandon the ninety-nine for one single sheep? And what’s more, not in the safety of a pen but in the desert? According to biblical tradition, the desert is a place of death where it is hard to find food and water, shelterless and where one is at the mercy of wild beasts and thieves. What are the ninety-nine defenseless sheep supposed to do? The paradox continues, in any case, saying that the shepherd, having found the sheep, “lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me’” (15:5-6). It seems then that the shepherd didn’t go back to the desert to recover the rest of the flock! Reaching out to that single sheep he seems to forget the other ninety-nine. But it’s not like that really. The lesson that Jesus wants us to learn is, rather, that not a single one of us can be lost. The Lord cannot accept the fact that a single person can be lost. God’s action is that of one who goes out seeking his lost children and then rejoices and celebrates with everyone at their recovery.

**THANK YOU HOLY SPIRIT FOR EVERY LOST LIFE THAT HAS BEEN FOUND, FOR EVERY BOY AND GIRL WHO, THANKS TO REDISCOVERING GOD'S MERCY, IN COMMUNITY, HAS RE-EMBRACED THEIR LIVES AND HAS BEEN RECONCILED WITH THEIR PAST. HELP ALL THOSE IN COMMUNITY TO CHOOSE PRAYER, HELP THEM TO WALK IN FAITH FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT.**

**Our Father, 10 hail Mary, Glory Be**

**- PRAYER WITH MOTHER ELVIRA:**

Mother of waiting, who seeks with her heart, with her teary gaze,  
Her children lost in a world that has abandoned God.  
We thank you because your love has led us here to give life, hope, joy, and faith  
to many young men and women, and to all those who seek truth, forgiveness, and peace.  
We abandon ourselves to you, our most beloved Mother,  
that you may educate and teach us to listen to the Living Word,  
your son the Risen Christ, to one day reunite with him  
in his Kingdom of light and salvation.  
Here we are Mary, we are with you now and always. Amen.

**- In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **5th DAY - Saturday, July 9th 2022**

*(DAILY INTENTION FOR ALL THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THIS COMMUNITY)*

**- Holy Spirit Song**

**- In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

**- Halleluja - intro to the Gospel**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (Lk 19:1-10)**

He came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."

**- Sparks of Light from Mother Elvira: Welcoming Salvation**

We can be sure to obtain peace because He has paid the price for us, to have hope because He sacrificed Himself for us, and to have joy because He is the joy that sacrificed His life for us.

So we have reassurance. Can we be happy? Yes, why? Because someone has broken our chains and set us free. We've been freed and saved; we've been saved.

Why do we cry? We have salvation! It's as if we were being held in concentration camps and someone burst through the front door and said: "You are free, you are safe, go wherever you wish".

Well, Jesus did just this. He opened the doors of life, of hope, of love as we know. Why? because He has risen, He has risen, He is alive and amidst us and we've seen Him, met Him, experienced Him.

It is not just a word, it is men and women who have healed thanks to His Salvation. So let's follow along this path of blessings and salvation because we must welcome His salvation. Jesus obtained salvation for us, He freed us from our chains. Now we are still here and putting our chains around our own necks again. So let's welcome salvation, So let's welcome salvation. If you truly feel free, saved even in your state of sin, even when you fall repeatedly, you fall knowing that someone has already paid the price for your sin, and sooner than later you will feel free, clean, safe, a saved person! Your wounds heal into scars, and you know what those scars need to symbolize? The more scars you have, the better, because we have sinned many times, and these scars need to be open windows, opened from the inside out, in order to let out all the Mercy we've received.

The Mercy, the compassion, the love, the sharing, the help. The more we have sinned, the more we feel like sinners, and the more Mercy that we have received. We've experienced an "overflowing" amount of Mercy, so we have to share it with everyone. There is Mercy, there is forgiveness, there is an embrace, there is love, and we... we've experienced it.

**HOLY SPIRIT WE ENTRUST TO YOU ALL THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED THROUGH THE COMMUNITY IN THESE 39 YEARS, THAT THEY MAY BE SUPPORTED BY YOUR LIGHT AND STRENGTH MAY CONTINUE TO LIVE AS RESURRECTED AND SAVED. PARTICULARLY WE PRAY TO YOU FOR THOSE WHO STRUGGLE MOST TO CHOOSE LIFE, TO LIVE HOPE, TO BELIEVE IN LOVE.**

**Our Father, 10 Hail Mary, Glory Be**

**- PRAYER WITH MADRE ELVIRA:**

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Her children lost in a world that has abandoned God.

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your son the Risen Christ, to one day reunite with him  
in his Kingdom of light and salvation.  
Here we are Mary, we are with you now and always. Amen.

**- In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **6th DAY- Sunday, July 10th 2022**

*(DAILY INTENTION FOR THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF OUR COMMUNITY)*

**- In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**- Holy Spirit Song**

**- Halleluja - intro to the Gospel**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (Jn 2:1-11)**

On the third day there was a wedding\* in Cana\* in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." [And] Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter."\* So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servers who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

**LORD THANK YOU BECAUSE YOUR PRESENCE GIVES JOY TO THE BRIDE AND GROOM, TO FAMILIES, TO ALL. YOU ARE THE TRUE FEAST, THE REAL JOY!  
WE THANK YOU FOR SO MANY PARENTS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WHOSE LIVES HAVE CHANGED THROUGH THEIR MEETING WITH THE COMMUNITY. GIVE THEM A TRUE CONVERSION AND A LIVING, CONCRETE FAITH.**

**Our Father, 10 Hail Mary, Glory Be**

**- PRAYER WITH MADRE ELVIRA:**

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Her children lost in a world that has abandoned God.  
We thank you because your love has led us here to give life, hope, joy, and faith  
to many young men and women, and to all those who seek truth, forgiveness, and peace.  
We abandon ourselves to you, our most beloved Mother,  
that you may educate and teach us to listen to the Living Word,  
your Son the Risen Christ, to one day reunite with Him  
in his Kingdom of light and salvation.  
Here we are Mary, we are with you now and always. Amen.

**- In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **7th DAY- Monday, July 11th 2022**

*(DAILY INTENTION FOR THOSE WHO ARE STILL STUCK IN THE DARKNESS OF THEIR ADDICTION)*

**- In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**- Holy Spirit Song**

**- Halleluja - intro to the Gospel**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (Mt 9: 9-13)**

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

**From the words of Pope Francis (HOMILY – September 21, 2015)**

Matthew himself, in his Gospel, tell us what it was like, this encounter which changed his life. He shows us an "exchange of glances" capable of changing history.

Jesus looked at him. How strong was the love in that look of Jesus, which moved Matthew to do what he did! What power must have been in his eyes to make Matthew get up from his table! We know that Matthew was a publican: he collected taxes from the Jews to give to the Romans. Publicans were looked down upon and considered sinners; for that reason they lived apart and were despised by others. One could hardly eat, speak or pray with the likes of these.

Jesus stopped; he did not quickly turn away. He looked at Matthew calmly, peacefully. He looked at him with eyes of mercy; he looked at him as no one had ever looked at him before. And that look unlocked Matthew's heart; it set him free, it healed him, it gave him hope, a new life, as it did to Zacchaeus, to Bartimaeus, to Mary Magdalen, to Peter, and to each of us. Even if we dare not raise our eyes to the Lord, he always looks at us first.

This is our story, and it is like that of so many others. Each of us can say: "I, too, am a sinner, whom Jesus has looked upon". I ask you today, in your homes or at church, when you are alone and at peace, to take a moment to recall with gratitude and happiness those situations, that moment, when the merciful gaze of God was felt in our lives.

**TODAY WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE STILL LOST IN THE DARKNESS OF SIN, IN THE LONELINESS AND DESPAIR OF A LIFE FAR FROM GOD.**

**MAY YOUR GAZE, LORD, REACH THEIR HEARTS. MAY THEY FIND IN THEIR ENCOUNTER WITH YOU, A WAY OF SALVATION TO RISE TO NEW LIFE.**

**Our Father, 10 Hail Mary, Glory Be**

**- PRAYER VIDEO WITH MADRE ELVIRA:**

Mother of waiting, who seeks with her heart, with her teary gaze,  
Her children lost in a world that has abandoned God.

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to many young men and women, and to all those who seek truth, forgiveness, and peace.

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that you may educate and teach us to listen to the Living Word,  
your son the Risen Christ, to one day reunite with him  
in his Kingdom of light and salvation.

Here we are Mary, we are with you now and always. Amen.

**- In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **8th DAY- Tuesday, July 12th 2022**

*(DAILY INTENTION FOR THE YOUTH)*

**- In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**- Holy Spirit Song**

**- Halleluja - intro to the Gospel**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (Lk 15,11-32)**

Then he said, "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."' So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began.

Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"

**- Spark of Light from Mother Elvira: Prodigal Son**

We have to be happy just like, as it tells us in the parable of the prodigal son. That boy there who wanted to go far away, he left home, he ran away, he ran away.

However, when he really just had nothing to eat other than the swine's carobs, because you and we too have eaten some of the swine's carobs, so many times we put our face in the ground, at a certain moment that boy says, "But my dad, my dad has so much to eat," and then he came back. He came back!

Everyone thought that he, the father, would not open the door to him. The son had taken all the money in the house he ran away and did his own thing, with the prostitutes, with all the bad deeds and now he wants to come back home?

In fact his brother was there judging him.

The father instead was waiting for him from afar every day watching from the window. He was also at the window for us every day! So let us listen closely to the Word of Jesus. Jesus told this parable to tell us about the Father's infinite Mercy, the Father's infinite love. God not only has love, He has infinite love, He has infinite mercy. However, we know that God's love clothes us, clothes us anew, and we feel within us that His Mercy is infinite, we feel it from head to toe.

**THANK YOU LORD BECAUSE YOUR LOVE MAKES CELEBRATES THE LIFE OF EVERY YOUNG PERSON WHO FINDS YOUR MERCY.**

**THANK YOU BECAUSE YOU HAVE A FEAST FOR EACH ONE OF US!**

**WE PRAY FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET MET YOU, THAT THEY MAY FEEL IN THEIR HEARTS THE DESIRE TO RETURN TO YOU TO EXPERIENCE YOUR EMBRACE THAT MAKES US FEEL LIKE BELOVED AND FORGIVEN CHILDREN.**

## **Our Father, 10 Hail Mary, Glory Be**

### ***- PRAYER WITH MADRE ELVIRA:***

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in his Kingdom of light and salvation.

Here we are Mary, we are with you now and always. Amen.

**- In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **9th DAY- Wednesday, July 13th 2022**

*(DAILY INTENTION FOR ALL THOSE WHO WILL PARTICIPATE TO THE FESTIVAL OF LIFE, PHYSICALLY OR VIRTUALLY)*

**- In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**- Holy Spirit Song**

**- Halleluja - intro to the Gospel**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark (Mk 7,31-37)**

Again he left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" (that is, "Be opened!") And [immediately] the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and [the] mute speak."

**HOLY SPIRIT THANK YOU FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ACCEPTED YOUR INVITATION TO "COME TO THE FEAST" AND WHO WILL TRAVEL TO THE HILL OF MIRACLES OR CONNECT WITH US THESE DAYS THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA. WE ENTRUST YOU WITH EACH PERSON'S HEART SO THAT IN THEIR ENCOUNTER WITH YOU THEY MAY REDISCOVER LIFE AS A CELEBRATION.**

**Our Father, 10 Hail Mary, Glory Be**

**- PRAYER WITH MADRE EL VIRA:**

Mother of waiting, who seeks with her heart, with her teary gaze,  
Her children lost in a world that has abandoned God.

We thank you because your love has led us here to give life, hope, joy, and faith  
to many young men and women, and to all those who seek truth, forgiveness, and peace.

We abandon ourselves to you, our most beloved Mother,  
that you may educate and teach us to listen to the Living Word,  
your son the Risen Christ, to one day reunite with him  
in his Kingdom of light and salvation.

Here we are Mary, we are with you now and always. Amen.

**- In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**