# Together we pray

Loving God, we recall that your son, Jesus was a refugee in his infancy. We remember that the Holy Family was forced to flee into Egypt. You understand the pain and anguish of those who are forced to leave their homeland for all sorts of grave reason.

Help us, to understand this experience more fully and to respond with gospel fervour to this enormous social issue of our times.

Grand us wisdom, prudence, and a real sense of loving kindness to understand the heartaches of those who find themselves as asylum seekers, migrants and refugees throughout our world.

Mary, Mother of all migrants and refugees, lead us to your Son Jesus, from whom all blessings flow.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Adapted from a Prayer written by Most Rev Christopher Prowse, Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn)

## June 2015



"I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Mt. 25:35

### We pray with the Church and the World

#### Universal: IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

"I continue to follow with great concern and suffering in my heart the stories of numerous refugees in the Bay of Bengal and the Andaman Sea." (Pope Francis during his May Regina Coeli address)

Pope Francis stressed that today's world needs men and women who are not closed in themselves, but filled with the Holy Spirit. He underlined that the gift of the Holy Spirit "has been bestowed upon the Church and upon each one of us, so that we may live lives of genuine faith and active charity, that we may sow the seeds of reconciliation and peace."

We pray for each other that we will exercise these gifts with faith and love and that immigrants and refugees may find welcome and respect in the countries to which they come.

#### **Evangelization: VOCATIONS**

That the personal encounter with Jesus may arouse in many young people the desire to offer their own lives in priesthood or consecrated life.

#### 20th June World Refugee Day

"Most of the world's refugees – 86 per cent – live in the developing world, compared to 70 per cent 10 years ago. Most of these countries have kept their doors open to people in search of safety, and have shown a generosity that is often well beyond their means. I appeal to all Member States and our partners in civil society to do their utmost to support the nations and communities that have welcomed the forcibly displaced into their midst..."

Ban Ki-moon

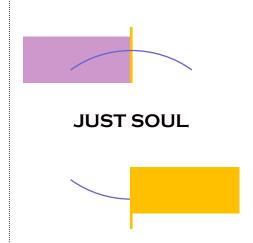
## We pray with the Institute

• We pray for and rejoice with our Sisters Badaralin Majhong, Bernadette Lepcha and Aruna Kujurmaking who will make their Perpetual Profession on the 12<sup>th</sup> June and Linda Kathrin Mrong who will make her First Profession on 27th June.

"That they may give Him all they have and all they need they may find in him."

Mary Ward

• For the people of Nepal and the areas affected by the earthquake.



A JUST SOUL has an inner disposition of boundless freedom because she remains in the Lord every single minute and offers the initiative of life to the Lord.

#### How does this reflect our GC '14 calls?

- Do I have the inner freedom to enable me reclaim the freshness of the Gospel?
- Do I have that inner freedom to enable me to live sustainably discerning what is enough?
- What about going where the need is greatest?
- How do I bring those who are forced to live in poverty to the centre of my life and ministry?
- Am I ready to move across bounderies?