

Prayer Committee Handouts

Readings for Chapter

Mantras for Chapter

Songs for Chapter

We will need Courage



READINGS

1. John 17:21:

I pray also for them. May they all be one. May they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me.

2. CC 208:

The congregational president and councillors are elected by the members of the general chapter. This is done in a prayerful spirit, and all members are guided by their conscience in voting for sisters who reflect the qualities required of those in the service of authority.

3. CC 173:

The General Superior called congregational president is a sign of unity in the Congregation. She calls us forth and affirms us in our efforts to respond to the Spirit in our life and mission.

4. CC 202:

The occasion of the general chapter is a privileged time of conversion and humble search together for God's will, as well as an experience of new life.

5. Maxim 16:

In everything and everywhere, have only God. God's will and God's glory before your eyes and make no account of anything else.

6. Maxim 16:

Fix your heart on God's dream, let it guide everything.

7. Maxim 15: Listen deeply to subtle nudges of the HS, then act on them.

8. 1 Cor 3: 5-11: After all, what is Apollos and what is Paul? They are servants who brought the faith to you. Even the different ways in which they brought it were assigned to them by the Lord. I did the planting, Apollos did the watering, but God made things grow. Neither the planter nor the waterer matters: only God, who makes things grow. We are workers with God; you are God's farm, God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

9. CC 61-62:

At the root of each vocation is a deep and uniquely personal experience which involves an encounter with God: the Divine call, our response, and a special consecration.

10. 2006 Federation Prayer:

Seized by Love and desiring to respond with Zeal, Discernment, and Cordial Love, we pray, O God, that we who gather in your name will receive the grace to encounter anew the God of our charism, to share the sacred stories of our neighborhoods, to expand the horizons of our global consciousness and mission, to widen the circles of our communion, that all of us might become more deeply and more truly sisters of the neighborhood of the universe.

11. “Divine love longs to evolve through us. Therein lies the call of our times. It is a call to consciously live into and live out of our deepest identity: to be the presence of Love in the world. It is a call to become more translucent, less opaque, bearers of the light of Love by means of the depth and quality of our presence. It is a call to turn our attention not only to what response we give to the compelling needs of our world but also to noticing from what inner place that action arises. Does it come from a contemplative alignment with the movement of Love within? Can we perceive it?” (Pat Farrell, OSF, Occasional Papers)

12. There is no greater power than a community discovering what it cares about.

Ask “What is possible?” not “What’s wrong?” Keep asking.

Notice what you care about.
Assume that many others share your dreams.

Be brave enough to start a conversation that matters.
Talk to people you know.
Talk to people you don’t know.
Talk to people you never talk to.

Be intrigued by the differences you hear. Expect to be surprised.
Treasure curiosity more than certainty.

Invite in everybody who cares to work on what’s possible.
Acknowledge that everyone is an expert about something.
Know that creative solutions come from new connections.

Remember, you don’t fear people whose story you know.
Real listening always brings people closer together.

Trust that meaningful conversations can change your world.

Rely on human goodness. Stay together. (Margaret Wheatley)



MANTRAS

1 *Deep the Love* Carolyn McDade

Refrain:

Deep the Love, deep the love
Deep the love that calls us
Oh the love, deep the love
The love that calls us on

Deep the river, deep the sea
Deep the wanderings of my mind
Deep the wounds between Earth and me
and deep the love that calls us on

Deep the roots connecting all that be
Deep life's oldest dream whole and free
Deep the memory singing in the song And
deep the love, the love that calls us on.

Send down the rain, touch us once again
Holy Spirit, come and fill this place
Bring us healing with Your warm embrace
Show Your power, make Your presence
known

2 *Holy, Sacred Spirit* Monica Brown

Holy sacred Spirit, breathe your
breath on us.
Holy sacred Spirit, breathe your life on us.

Create a new heart in me O God,
Enflame my heart with Your Love, Your
Spirit of Love.

Send forth Your Spirit and renew the
earth, the longing earth, the waiting earth,
the fragile earth.

3 *Listening Deeply* Lisa Olivieri SSJ

Listening deeply, loving courageously
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May we listen deeply to God and one
another to follow God's call of loving
courageously

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SONGS

1 ***Holy Spirit Come and Fill this Place*** CeCe Winans

Holy Spirit, come and fill this place
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Show Your power make Your presence
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Holy Spirit, come fill this place
Holy Spirit, come fill this place
My heart is longing just to hear from You
My soul is waiting to know someone who
Can take us higher help us make it through
So will You please come and set us free
Holy Spirit, come and fill this place
Bring us healing with Your warm embrace
Show Your power, make Your presence
known

Holy Spirit, come fill this place
Breath of God we need a touch from You
Shine down on us with the light of truth
Stir our hearts and set our spirit free
Holy Spirit, come fill this place
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Our hearts are hungry for Your perfect peace
Our souls are thirsty for the joy You bring
So send Your glory make Your praise
complete

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2 The Greater Glory of God

Tony Alonso

Through every generation, you nourish and sustain your people blessed and broken through every joy and pain.

You weave our many stories as one, though many parts. You shape us as one body within your sacred heart:

Refrain: That all may have life, that all may be one, that all we believe and all we become may be for the glory, the greater glory, may be for the glory of God.

You open hearts to knowledge and fill our minds with grace, reveal your sacred presence in every time and place.

You fill the earth with heaven, and earth sings back your praise. Your love ignites our passions to set the world ablaze:

To Refrain

So lead us from this table and shape us as your own, to give as you have given, to share the love you've shown, to work for peace and justice, to love you tenderly, to walk forever humbly with you and all we see:

To Refrain

3 We Are One

(Consensus Statement:
Kathy Sherman, CSJ)

Refrain:

**We are one, all is one, we are all one
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Stimulated by the Holy Spirit and receptive to love's inspiration, we people of St. Joseph move always toward profound love of God and our dear neighbor and dear neighbor without distinction from whom we do not separate ourselves...

To Refrain

In the following of Christ Jesus, we work in order to achieve unity of neighbor with dear neighbor and neighbor with God. In the manner of St. Joseph whose name we bear...in a Spirit of gentleness, peace and joy...

To Refrain



We will need courage
We will need energy
We will need vision
We will need to be at ease
With ourselves and our
Decisions

Above all, like the psalmist
We will need to keep “our
eyes fixed on the Lord,
our God.”

Until God lets us rest
And then we will know
As we have always known
That the effort was worth
The gift of our lives
The best of our years
The length of our days
Amen.

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