

Prayer for the 10th Ordinary General Chapter

God, our loving Father, we thank you for the Charism of our congregation and for our personal call to follow your Son Jesus in and through our Congregation. We thank you for the growth and strength we experience through the power of your Spirit, to joyfully commit ourselves to building up your kingdom of love, freedom, justice and peace in our world.

As we prepare for our tenth ordinary General Chapter bless every member of our Congregation. Enlighten us by your Spirit to grow in our fidelity to the call of the Gospel and to our founding Charism. May this General Chapter be for each one of us an opportune time for the grace of personal conversion and renewal.

In the Spirit of our founder, Fr. Antonius Maria Bodewig, Co-founders and Pioneers, grant us firm faith and undaunted courage to imitate your son Jesus in his compassion for the lost, the least and the last. Help us to proclaim the gospel to these and to all who do not yet know Him and to care for creation with gratitude and reverence. Make us attentive to the voice of your Spirit in our search for meaningful and creative ways to respond to the signs of the time.

Through the intercession of Mary, Queen of the Apostles we implore you Lord to bless the participants of our General Chapter. Fill us with the Spirit of wisdom and discernment and unite us in your love to make decisions that will promote unity and genuine renewal in our Congregation to live as compassionate and joyful missionaries of the Good News.

We ask this in the name of Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Fr. Antonius Maria Bodewig, pray for us.