



Newsletter

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Introduction by Anne Céline

‘We are not alone !’

These are the few words that resonated in my heart this morning as I asked God's help to write you an introductory message to this Newsletter.

Yes, we are never alone! Your Holy Spirit gives us his strength and inspires us with his thoughts. Even if we think we are abandoned, if our prayer group is scattered and we find ourselves alone to pray, if our spouse has left us, if our children no longer speak to us.... we are nevertheless never alone, nor separated from one another. We all carry each other in our hearts through this prayer that unites us so deeply as a true family. We may feel the bite of loneliness, but by faith we know that we are not alone! If only we could see the powerful bonds that unite us in the invisible!

Jesus is always there at the door of our hearts. He is the beggar for our attention and our love. Discreet but always present. The angels and saints are there, always close by, waiting to hear our prayers. Our sisters in prayer are scattered all over the world, lifting our prayers 24 hours a day. Intercessors offer their bodies and spirits as holy offerings for us all! Lord, you are so great! You are so good that you have given us a wonderful, big family through Mothers Prayers! Praise be to you for your immense goodness! May these words encourage us to seek always and everywhere how to fulfil and live God's Will, because the Kingdom of God is within us! Luke 17:21 and in the Kingdom we are a great multitude!

The Intercessors

By Veronica Williams

Dear Sisters in Jesus

This message is primarily for you, our Intercessors.

Anne-Celine and the Mothers Prayers Country Coordinators, as well as the local groups are so blessed to have you praying for their guidance and protection.

Your ministry is such an important one!

We thank you so much for your dedication and we have recently thought you might like to have contact with other Intercessors from around the world. If this is so, please let us know so this can be discussed at Star House. As you know I have been rather unwell but thank God for this time, as He has led me to understand that I can join in His suffering and I now understand how important it is to ask forgiveness not just for ourselves but also for the sins of the whole world

especially in these very difficult times.

So I feel we are being asked to focus very much on praying in REPARATION as well as INTERCESSION.

In some ways this is expanding what we are already doing in our Three Days of Prayers.

If you wish to know more please contact me for the format that we will follow.

God bless you all

With much love in Jesus and Mary.

Veronica

FREQUENT QUESTIONS

By Caroline du Boisbaudry France

What is the role of intercessors?

The Mothers Prayers Movement was entirely given by the Lord to its founder Veronica Williams, down to the smallest detail...

The spirituality of this Movement rests on several pillars:

-Total surrender, simplicity and joyful obedience to the Father's will, so that through prayer we can be guided by Him.

We respond but we do not initiate.

-Fidelity to what the Lord inspired in its founder (Veronica Williams),

(not seeking to 'improve' or change things).

- Remain united and charitable

Intercessors pray and/or offer their suffering to Jesus for the protection of the Movement and for those who are responsible for it.

'For it is not against adversaries of flesh and blood that we have to fight, but against the rulers of this world, but against the rulers of this dark world, against the spirits of evil'. Eph 12

We know that the Enemy hates prayer and does everything in his power to prevent us from praying and, if he can, to destroy this Movement which, faced with the folly of the world needs the very powerful weapon of Prayer. The Prayer of Mothers is an instrument of the Lord for the restoration of his Kingdom in people's hearts, for the protection and conversion of his children.

Intercessors are the 'invisible protectors of Mothers Prayers'.

Their mission is to pray that those in charge will know how to ensure with charity that the original vision of the Movement will be transmitted and respected, and that they will be able to exercise authority when necessary.

The intercessors pray for the protection of what is published about the Movement on the internet or in the press (it is impossible to control everything, to rectify everything that is not right), so we trust in the Lord's protection).

They also pray for the blessing and protection of the day at regional and national gatherings and international conferences.

When a leader gives a talk or leads a day, they pray for the Holy Spirit to bless them. Pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire, open and touch the hearts of the participants. They pray that the priests who accompany the Movement will be attentive to the Holy Spirit.

As well as praying for the spirituality of the Mothers Prayers to be understood and respected, they intercede for charity to reign among its members: "it is by the love you have for one another that it will be recognized that you are my disciples".

Each month, the person in charge of the country communicates the points on which she needs the support of their prayers. With the intercessors, we fully experience the communion of saints. Those who are more 'exposed' know that they are supported by prayer or the offering of the physical or moral suffering of sick people who generously accept not to 'let their pain go to waste'.

When Jesus was on the Cross, He could no longer speak, but He was entirely 'Prayer'.

We know that some intercessors experience great suffering, and we are so grateful to them for offering them for the protection for the protection and smooth running of this Movement, which was raised up by the Lord Himself. himself. Veronica is now in communion with all the teams of intercessors throughout the world, dedicating her life to intercession and reparation. May the Lord bless them abundantly in this mission!

BIDDING PRAYER FORM SANDRA'S CHILDREN

By Maureen, UK



Sandra's funeral was a warm, loving and prayerful celebration of her life thanking God for her strong, humble faith, for her wonderful support of her children and for many others she met and for her role in the establishment of Mothers Prayers. The bidding prayers were written by Sandra's children and included a beautiful prayer for us all:

" We pray for the Mothers Prayers Solace Community, that Sandra and her sister in law, Veronica, set up. May it continue to grow throughout the world and support all mothers in need. Please bless all mothers, ease their worries for the families you entrust to them, guide them in times of doubt, and hold them close when they are overwhelmed by both joy and sorrow. May they

know their children's deep gratitude for giving us life and love.
Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer"

TESTIMONY FROM THE CHILDREN OF THE FAITH

By Luci, shared by Jana Pajanova, Slovakia

How I became part of Children of Faith

In our family we have this habit of visiting grandma and grandpa on Sunday afternoons and meeting cousins, and at my mom's parents' house. There I started to pray with my cousin Nicole, who is half a year younger than me, and my mom's youngest sister, Maria, who is 8 years older than us. My mom is the eldest of 5 children and I am the eldest of 16 grandchildren. Sometimes some of the younger cousins would join us but it was mainly the three of us praying. Nicole and I were high school girls, and Maria was a college student or just out of college. After some time, I don't remember when exactly, some of our friends joined us. There was a period when there were several friends who came and went, some came a few times, to try and some naturally moved on - Maria got married - until finally 5 of us stayed for a long time. Then gradually - I would call it naturally we went our separate ways - we grew out of the children: me and Lucka got married (she lives in America and has two children), Nicole joined the religious order and Vladis and Michal were focusing on their studies and career.

What did I learn at Children of Faith

I think I learned there mainly to pray and to understand what surrender is and to try to live it.

The whole meeting is a prayer, which makes it different from other meetings, which are more focused on a topic followed by a discussion. This is just prayer. The individual prayers are read in the exact order of the booklet, we take turns, each person reads one, and then after each one there is a moment where prayers in own words can be added. I remember that in the beginning (and it was quite a long time too) we were just silent, we didn't pray in our own words, we learned that only gradually.

Understanding surrender is hard, living it is even harder. Everyone wants to have everything ideally planned and under control but in life it doesn't work ultimately that way. Through surrendering the rings (circles) to Jesus, we surrendered everything we were experiencing at the time. In this way we were taught that we surrender our fear, problem, whatever we felt to Jesus and that it stays with Him, He is the one who is supposed to solve it not us. It gave us a feeling of great freedom. Knowing that it may not be as we imagined was also a process we had to understand.

How did this meeting enrich me

It was a relationship with God on the one hand and deep friendships on the other. Even years after the meeting ended, we still joined in prayer for each other when someone was in need.

You were invited to England in 2012 by the founder of Mothers Prayers Veronica

Yes, we were there in April 2012. In March before that there was a national Mothers Prayers meeting. I went there with my mom and Nicole went there too, because some moms were taking their daughters to help. I don't remember much of it, just that I met Janka, the coordinator and she told me that I had to go with her because I spoke English (I had no idea where and why but just I went) to find out that I had to translate Veronica because the translator wasn't there. I didn't even know Veronica was going to be there. And then I was introduced with Nicole to Veronica, and she decided to invite our meeting group to the community house in England.



Meeting with Veronica at Star House

Veronica had a feeling that Slovakia had a special role in regard of Children of Faith, so she invited us. Interestingly, Karol, a guy who was part of the first Children of Faith group in Slovakia, joined us as well.

Veronica told us the story of the comfort (Solace) Community and often repeated "now is the time for children of faith". She said that each pillar: mothers and fathers had their time and that now is the time for children/youth. We prayed with her. She came up with the idea that for part of the scripture reading we needed to put on a play about the prodigal son. It was surprising to us - we'd never done drama in a meeting before - but we obeyed. The result was humorous and surprising even for us, everyone had a part to fit in and it was funny too.

I think she wanted to see if we as our group could be more active in a broader way for example on social media to bring other groups together. But unfortunately, we were all too busy at the time and in fact, after two years - in 2014 - we naturally ended the meetings.

My memories of the meeting



I remember the place, it was very charming for me, there was a great calm, and a great serenity emanated from Veronica. You could see in her that she was a woman of prayer, but above all she was a woman of action. She was very receptive. And she told us, for example, that her granddaughter had a dream that she saw her grandmother and some children playing theatre and that she understood that we were those children.

FROM THE CZECH REPUBLIC

By Marketa

Our National Meeting is over. The mothers have sent us grateful reflections. This is a great confirmation and encouragement for us. As for ourselves, we felt that the whole event was blessed, filled with the Holy Spirit, and very joyful. My thoughts still wander around all that we have experienced.

Out of all the correspondence, I would like to share Mila's feedback. She is a mother from Prague and wrote us these words:

"Years ago, I realised that — even though it doesn't seem like it, praying for my children is one of the few meaningful activities I do during the week, and what's more, it has a lasting effect. I am fortunate that there is always at least one mother around me who is willing to get together and pray. So, this is my 17th year of praying. Our prayer together in Pardubice encouraged us to continue with group prayers, and it strengthened our faith. On the one hand there was an emotional aspect — it's nice to sing together with a good band, to be in fellowship with 600 mothers from all over the country, to drink good coffee and eat good cake — but that's just an extra gift. At the heart of it all is holding Adoration, celebrating Holy Mass together, participating at the sacrament of Reconciliation, taking the same spiritual direction, sharing reflections. This year, a father from Pardubice told us that 'the Lord does not call those who are able but enables those who are called'. This must be very true, because I can't imagine that anyone is naturally able to get up 5 to 8 times a night to breastfeed a child, to give ear to a husband and x children, preferably at the same time, to listen to parents, all this to keep oneself and the house in an acceptable state, etc. We all know the jokes about how many people must be hired when a mother is on holiday... The Lord empowers those who are called! Thank you to everyone who took care of us and thank you that I didn't have to care this time. It's been such an experience for me to be taken care of."

This year's National Meeting was something special as our invitation was accepted by the husbands of some of the mothers, so for the first time we were able to do part of the programme together. Willem's talk and testimony were a success, and several new Fathers Prayers' groups were formed. One of them was "finally" started by my husband!

The symbol of the Meeting was a kitchen apron, that each mother took home. In our country, it is said that a housewife's apron must be big enough to cover her husband's sins. For us, it was a symbol of "bringing love and comfort", covering the weaknesses of the whole family with prayer. We took these words from the Prayer for the Community.

FROM SPAIN

By Mavi

We have just had the third National meeting in Seville.
It has been a true Blessing from Heaven!!!

More than 600 mothers from all over Spain attended. The Church was packed with mothers. 8 priests concelebrated with the bishop on their right and the Parish Priest on their left. A fantastic choir accompanied us with their songs.



Anne Celine came to our celebration. There was a fantastic atmosphere. After the ceremony, we took sandwiches and drinks in the little garden in front of the Church. All the mothers were overflowing with joy, exchanging impressions with each other. Then they prepared a guided tour for us in the Cathedral. Everything it has is truly wonderful. Giving thanks to the Holy Family of Nazareth, our patrons, and asking them to always take care of us and all our loved ones.

New Coordinators

We are delighted to welcome four national coordinators
Rosanna Mendonsa, who takes over from Manjou Pereira in India.
Margarete Habsburg who succeeds Gerti Brodowicz in Austria
Therese Hesler who has renewed her commitment in Germany.
We thank each and every one of them for their service and their love for Mothers
Prayers

Mothers Prayers - 3 Days of Prayer

JANUARY 2025-25TH - 27TH

25 January 2025

Psalm 51:10

*10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.*

26 January 2025

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

*3 Indeed, we live as human beings, but we do not wage war according to human standards
4 for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments
5 and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ.*

27 January 2025

1 Chronicles 16:8-10

*8 O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
9 Sing to him, sing praises to him,
tell of all his wonderful works.
10 Glory in his holy name
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.*

MARCH 2025-29TH - 31ST

29 March 2025

Ephesians 4:22-24

*22 You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts,
23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,
24 and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.*

30 March 2025

Psalm 10:17-18

*17 O Lord, you will hear the desire of the meek.
you will strengthen their heart, you will incline your ear
18 to do justice for the orphan and the oppressed,
so that those from earth may strike terror no more.*

31 March 2025

Isaiah 12:4-5

*4 And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord,
call on his name, make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted.
5 Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously.
Let this be known in all the earth*

Offerings are always welcome to support Star House.
The house is in need of upkeep and your generosity supports this
founding place of Mothers Prayers. God bless you.

*I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise will
always be on my lips.*

Psalms 34,1