

Prayer for International Women's Day

"A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." – John 10:10

Lord Jesus, you are true life which comes to us from the Creator, the source of all life.

We pray for women who give life, especially mothers

We also pray for women who through their mission, their work, and their quality of presence give life to others.

We pray for all women who are transformed by the good news and your Spirit of life.

"Neither do I condemn you." – John 8:11

We hold a moment of silence for women who have been violently assaulted, those who have suffered or died from domestic violence, etc.

(We can share the names of those we know, or post photos in our prayer space.)

We pray for all those women who live in difficult situations, those who suffer in silence: Refugees, migrants, abused women.

We pray for those women whose bodies are bruised, those who are under the power of others, whose dignity is violated. We pray for those who suffer physically and morally. They exist for You. Free them, and give us the grace to be able to create a path to reach them.

We pray for all women who are fighting for justice and peace, and for the rights of women around the world. Fill them always with the strength of Your Spirit.

Purify our hearts and gaze upon us so that we can show Your tenderness to all the women we meet in our different ministries so that they discover the strength of Your love that heals us, that brings us back, that gives us new confidence and that leads us on the path of hope.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will make us grow in this communion of love with You, Jesus Good Shepherd, in our world today.

Glory be to Creator God, to the Holy Child, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen