

PRAYER FOR IGNATIAN YEAR - 500

Heavenly Father, we praise you and we bless you for this special year of 500th anniversary of the conversion of our Father Ignatius. We thank you for the profound and mysterious ways you transformed this valiant knight into a pilgrim to serve you under the banner of the Cross. Grant us the grace *'to see all things new in Christ'* and labour without seeking reward as faithful companions of Jesus, your Son, in this least Society.

Lord Jesus, we bring before you, all the members of Ignatian family, our parishioners and youth, our teachers and students, our benefactors and Alumni/ae, all our collaborators in our various ministries, especially those in our Santal missions, and people of other faiths and human convictions who are also united with us in our endeavours to fulfill your mission of Justice and Reconciliation in our world today.

Holy Spirit, we entrust ourselves to your loving care and guidance as we endeavor to translate the Universal Apostolic Preferences into our life-mission, incorporating the Spiritual Exercises and Discernment to know your will for us, by walking with the poor, the outcast, and those whose dignity has been violated. Enable us to accompany our youth, leading them to a hope-filled future and to care for the earth, our common home.

Mary, our Mother, we seek your motherly intercession for us, your children, so that we may love poverty as did our Father Ignatius and the First Companions in a radical love to imitate Jesus our Lord. Following your example of humility and poverty, we too may have the courage to alter our sophisticated lifestyle and leave our comfort zones to commit ourselves whole heartedly to the mission of your Son, with an unflinching Amen in all circumstances.

Glory be to the Father who has placed Pilgrim Ignatius to follow Christ carrying the cross, Glory be to the Son who has accepted Father Ignatius and all his sons to serve under the banner of the Cross, and Glory be to the Holy Spirit who inspires us to be ever more creative, ever more collaborative and ever more generous in God's service: All for the Greater Glory of God. Amen.