



LIFELINE
In solidarity with...

**EIGHT DAY
ONLINE RETREAT**
5th - 12th April
2020



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Theme: Divine Call to Collaborate with the Lifeline

Grace: To see the world and its struggles and sorrows with the eyes of God

Today, look at your surroundings severely affected by COVID 19 with the eyes of the Trinity. As a response God the Father sent/sends his Son to heal and reconcile the world. The Lifeline in us calls each one of us individually saying, “Come, Follow, Me”; “I need you”; “I count on you”. Following of Jesus today may not mean that I do exactly what Jesus did, but doing what Jesus would have done in today’s context. The Lifeline invites me to collaborate in the work of healing and reconciling the world and of promoting a new vision of interdependency and interconnectedness in the wake of Corona pandemic.

My response could involve trusting the Lifeline in me, sharing the anxiety and fears of people, promoting the safety and welfare of others as much as that of my own, and of nurturing hope and trust in the Lord among my people. The depth at which I can respond to this call of Jesus is the depth at which I am living now. Today, more than ever, I am being called by the Lifeline to the spirit of magnanimity, to give courage and confidence to people around me, to comfort and care for those who have been infected with the disease or those who are in deep anxiety and fear. Am I magnanimous in my response?

Pause and Reflect

- Let me ask myself at the end of the prayer hour: What have I done for Christ (in alleviating the fear and pain of Corona infection?) What am I doing for Christ (in giving solace to the struggling people of today?) What will I do for Christ (in helping to reduce the panic and risk of further spread of Corona infection?)



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- Let me look at my life, my family and my community with the eyes of the Trinity. Do I feel that the Lord is with me/us? Am I happy, sad or confused? What is my response to the call of the Lifeline to be an agent of healing and reconciliation? Let me spend a few moments before the Crucified Lord sharing all that I go through at this juncture.
- Let me also pause and reflect about my attitude towards the people of other religions, nations and cultures. Do I look at them as children of one God who have a common origin and destiny? Let the vision of the Lifeline inspire me to look at others as children of God belonging to the same family (Vasudaivakudumbakam).

Passages for Prayer and Reflection

- Ex 3:1-12: The Call of Moses
- Mt 25:31-40: Finding God in one's neighbor
- Lk 1:26-38: I am the handmaid of the Lord
- Lk 4:16–19: The mission of Jesus to include the excluded

Prayer: Thank you, Lord, for calling me to follow you in order to collaborate with you in the mission of serving the needy. May I remain close to you always and see the world with your eyes of mercy.

Mantra: Thank you Lord for the invitation to labour with you.

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