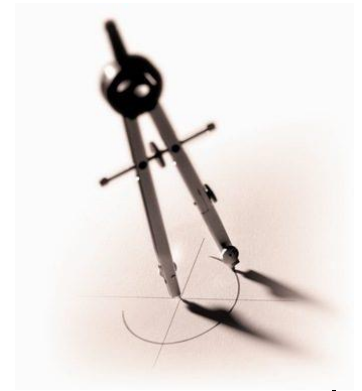


TO THE COMPASS OF JESUS



"Place ourselves in a situation of maximum inner freedom" so that we can choose what God desires and better serve Him.

- ✓ **Context and situation:** As our Mother Foundress said, it is a matter of **"measuring our works with the compass of the Gospel. To be new in practice"**. (PR, 54) (cf. XVI General Chapter, 1 and 45). Jesus asks us to follow him, to give ourselves and to work for the Kingdom, BUT it must be in **"his way", his style...** (Mt 5, 6-7 Lk 4, 16ff. Mt 4,23-25)
- ✓ In order to identify ourselves with Christ in Mission, we must also unify ourselves in prayer... **"If you remain in me, you will bear much fruit"**.

PROPOSAL FOR TODAY'S PRAYER

- ✓ I ask the Father to teach me to contemplate Jesus: the Son... to teach **me to know Jesus, inside, his heart**, and to help me **to let myself be shaped** by his feelings and attitudes. May he grant me to **"make my own" his WHYs and his HOWs**.
- ✓ The Gospels show that Jesus refers to God by a new name... that he lives in a continuous relationship with the one he calls: "Abba", Father, who is the source and meaning of his life...
- ✓ Jesus unites his experience as Son with his Mission to reveal and make present the Kingdom... He alone makes us understand the nature of all human reality as a sphere of fraternity and filiation... SON-KINGDOM: CHILDREN AND BROTHERS.

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- ✓ Let us contemplate an active Jesus, to whom the needy were brought close, whom a great crowd followed to listen to him... and we can see Jesus allowing himself to be almost "devoured" by these people, by their needs, by this activity that he is asked to perform.
- ✓ Sometimes we can feel the same as He does: devoured by work, by service, by frenetic activity. It is that **spirit of service** that Jesus proposes, which is not simply working 'by hours', doing what one has to do, but that service which consists in giving one's time, one's energy, one's life.
- ✓ I contemplate the moments in which I have seen myself giving myself, in my concrete, everyday reality, and in which I have been overwhelmed by the action, in which I felt consumed, irritated.
- ✓ Ask Jesus to teach me to discover, from the Father, from the kingdom, what are the urgencies of our environment, and to work on what really transforms them, heals them, liberates them... and to live in practice what we contemplate at Easter.

FROM OUR DOCTRINE

- ✓ **From our Founders:** *"Pray with Christ praying; travel with Christ traveling; eat, with Christ eating; drink with Christ drinking; sleep, with Christ sleeping. Suffer, with Christ suffering; preach, with Christ preaching; rest with Christ tired and live with dying Christ, if you want to enter in the life with Christ reigning. To the greater glory of God and good of my soul. Amen (M^a Antonia París)*

*"Grant me, O Lord, that all may know your goodness and nearness so that they may love you and serve you with all faithfulness because you are good, and your mercy is infinite."
(S. Antonio M^a Claret)*