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**Praying with our Holy Father,
Pope Leo XIV**

Pope's intention for August:
Praying for Evangelization of Cities.



Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd,
You walk through our streets and squares,
enter tall buildings and humble neighborhoods,
and silently accompany millions
who seek meaning amid noise and haste.

You know, Lord, the heart of the city:
its lights and shadows, its noise and loneliness.
We know that cities are called to be places
of freedom and opportunity,
but they can also become
spaces of anonymity and isolation.

That's why today we ask You for a renewed gaze,
able to discover in urban life
fertile ground for proclaiming your Gospel.
Give us a creative and deep faith,
that doesn't remain in words,
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Make us a Church that goes forth,
able to reach out to the peripheries,
to console those who are lonely,
and to sow fraternity and connection
instead of giving in to indifference.

Lord, may our urban communities
be open and welcoming homes,
places where hope is shared,
where no one feels invisible,
and where the joy
of your Gospel shines.

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IMPORTANT: FROM THE CORE COMMITTEE The Core Committee and Community Facilitators met via Zoom to look to the future and the election of a Coordinator of Associates in the Fall of 2026.

Following the Directives in the Associate Handbook, the form for nominating and the steps for election were studied and appropriate corrections and additions were made. Facilitators will soon receive the edited information to distribute to all members on the process and steps to be followed.

We ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Praised be the Incarnate Word!

You created
my inmost being;
you knit me together
in my mother's womb.
I praise you because
I am fearfully
and wonderfully made



SEPTEMBER

September 11	Jessica Carter Kimmel
September 13	Alice Ortégón
September 14	Rosie Garaña
September 14	Mary Rose Yáñez
September 17	Cornelia Quintanilla
September 20	María Muñoz

September 22	Frances Vera
September 25	Catherine L. Guerrero
September 25	Mary Carolyn Schullian
September 26	Sr. Consuelo Urrutia
September 27	Cathy Dulle



A SUMMER PRAYER*



May you breathe in the beauty of summer with its power of transformation.
May this beauty permeate all that feels unbeautiful in you.

All: May the God of summer give us beauty.

May you seek and find spaces of repose during these summer months.
May these moments refresh and restore the tired places within you.

All: May the God of summer give us rest.

May you be open to times of celebration and recreation that are so much a part of summer,
May you find happiness in these times of play and leisure.

All: May the God of summer give us joy.

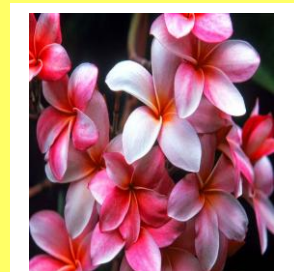
May you savor the fresh produce that comes to your table and enjoy the fruits of summer's bounty.

**All: May the God of summer give us a sense of satisfaction
in the work of our hands.**



May your eyes see the wonders of summer's colors.
May these colors delight you and entice you
into contemplation and joy.

All: May the God of summer give us inner light.



* (submitted by Mary Farmer, St. Louis 1 Associate Community)

Excerpts from “Reflection on Prayer” (submitted by Robert Vega, Jr., St. John the Baptist Community)

Prayer is a concept too often misunderstood but it can be thought of as having a conversation with the Holy Trinity. There is never a pretext required to pray and one should never hesitate to initiate conversation with God. In fact, it is He who initiates conversation with us and if we are attentive enough to be in tune with his voice in our hearts, then we can feel him reach out to us every day in a myriad of ways.

Some say they do not feel worthy to speak to God but, if that were so, then no one would ever dare converse with Him. Without Jesus no one soul is worthy. In Jesus we have redemption and hope of eternal life. This should fill our souls with a supernatural joy that is unquenchable. When our souls wish to express gratitude to God for this sensation, it is a call to pray. Having the root word pray, we often tend to think of prayer as asking for something. Far more important are prayers of adoration and thanksgiving. Converse with God. Reach out to Him and speak your heart ----- ask, adore, thank. Include Him in all your daily happenings.

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St.Louis 1 Associate Community shared the following from discussions on “poor in spirit”:

Humility is the truth God gives us. For example: A person may say that he/she has a great singing voice, however, best to say, I have this great voice because God gave it to me.

To live simply, I get what I need and share extra with someone in need.

The media tends to promote capitalism by advertising all the reasons a person should buy this or that and more is better



ANAM CARA, Springfield, MO - Seated: Sarah Pittman, Michele Marsh Standing: Freda Epperson, Michelle Marsh, Kathy Sunnenberg
Sr. Pauline Nugent, who had been with them for so many years, joined the community via speaker phone from her new home at the SA retirement center. “We miss Sr. Pauline”.

At her retirement service, Sr. Pauline Nugent was recognized for her 33 years of service in the community - 30 years of teaching Missouri State University, Springfield. From the Alumni news: “On the occasion of her relocation from Springfield to San Antonio, a farewell mass and reception were held in honor of Professor Emerita Pauline Nugent at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Springfield on July 16. Reverend Patrick Ike Nwokoye, Pastor of Holy Trinity, celebrated the mass with four other priests concelebrating, including The Most Reverend John Joseph Leibrecht, Bishop Emeritus of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. In his homily, Father Nwokoye paid homage to Dr. Nugent’s countless hours of volunteer work at the church, her illustrious teaching career at MSU, and her willingness to brave dangerous road conditions during winter storms”. (Missouri State University Classics Alumni Network)