

10 COMMUNITY WORK

SONG (Look for my face - Ain Karem)

I hear in my heart: seek my face.

Look for me in the night

Search in the silence

look for me in your brother

I am with you.

I will seek you, Lord, do not hide your face from me.

I will seek your face.

BIBLICAL READING (MK. 6: 45-52)

45 Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. 46 And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. 47 And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. 48 And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night⁷ he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, 49 but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, 50 for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." 51 And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, 52 for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

To meditate

Does my prayer give me the strength to walk through the water even with a contrary wind?

Does prayer reassure me when the waters around me are churning?

READING BY THE FOUNDING FATHER (Letter to M. Dolores 14/10/1866)

A spirit that wishes to be all of God, lives only of its will, and since you know that it is in that (Madrid) for it, you must be even happy, suffering all the weight of tribulation, without worrying about what you can happen in the house, because when leaving it I suppose you would deliver it into the hands of María Santísima your 1st. her mother, who has defended and defends her as his own.

To meditate

¿Me esfuerzo por conocer la voluntad de Dios en la oración?

¿Pongo las cosas en manos de Dios cuando voy a la oración?

READING OF THE CONSTITUTIONS

59. We Sisters need to live strong moments of personal intimacy with the Lord. In these times of prayer, we Philipians must deepen our friendship with Jesus, experience the joy of the hidden life with Christ in God, find renewed strength in our daily walk, and revive our apostolic concerns.

55. Our community, impelled by the Spirit, gathers in the name of the Lord, and expresses in a visible way the mystery of the Church, which is not a human work, but the fruit of the Resurrection of Christ.

This same Spirit leads us to continuous communication with the Trinity in prayer, be it personal or communal.

57. As a living cell of the Church, our community participates in the Liturgy of the Hours and raises its daily prayer of praise, thanksgiving and petition to God on behalf of all humanity.

We will pray together, at least, Lauds and Vespers.

To meditate

How are my moments of intimacy with God? Do I seek them or flee from them?

Do I feel that my community is gathered in the name of the Lord?

Do I lead my community to prayer?

Do I turn the liturgy into prayer, into a real encounter with God?

READING CAPITULAR AGREEMENTS 2011

Agreement 1: Recreate ourselves as disciples of Jesus and revitalize our community and congregational life.

Objective 1: The sisters, in order to make possible a process of integrated human and spiritual growth, will commit themselves to the elaboration of their personal project that guarantees:

- A conversion process
- Prayer and listening to the Word
- Faithful reading of reality that leads us to pray with the events
- Update the call: "Enter into the renewal of my calling" (Mother Dolores)
- Enhance the vocation of mystics and prophets, allowing ourselves to be led by the Spirit.
- Live a spirituality with open eyes that does not dissociate us from the context and commit us to the reality of society and the world in which we are.

To meditate

What place does prayer occupy in my personal project?

Do I read God's Word daily?

Do I let the Spirit guide my life?

VITA CONSECRATA 39

39. Today more than ever a renewed commitment to holiness is necessary on the part of consecrated persons in order to promote and sustain the effort of every Christian for perfection. "It is necessary to arouse in each faithful a true longing for holiness, a strong desire for conversion and personal renewal in a climate of ever more intense prayer and of solidarity with others, especially those most in need."

Consecrated persons, to the extent that they deepen their own friendship with God, become capable of helping their brothers.

To meditate

Do I feel the vocation to holiness that I have received, or have I "abandoned" because I lack strength, because what surrounds me is not perfect?

Do I deepen my friendship with God?

READING OF POPE FRANCIS (Homily May 10, 2020)

The first task of a bishop is to pray. Peter said: "And to us, the prayer and the proclamation of the Word."

I met a priest, a holy parish priest, well, when he met a bishop, he greeted him as he should, very kind, and he always asked him this question: "Excellency, how many hours do you pray a day?", And always said: "Because the first task is to pray." Because it is the prayer of the head of the community for the community, the intercession to the Father to protect the people.

The bishop's prayer, the first task: to pray. And the people, seeing the bishop pray, learn to pray. Because the Holy Spirit teaches us that it is God who "does the thing." We do a little bit, but it is he who "does things" for the Church, and prayer is what leads the Church forward. And for this the heads of the Church, so to speak, the bishops, must go ahead with prayer

That word of Peter is prophetic: "Let the deacons do all this, so the people are well cared for and have solved their problems and also their needs. But to us, the bishops, prayer and the proclamation of the Word".

It is sad to see good bishops, capable, good people, but busy in many things, the economy, and this and that and beyond ... Prayer in the first place. Then the rest. But when the rest robs prayer space, something does not work..

To meditate

Do we really believe that it is God who "does the thing", who "does the thing"?

Do we put these "things" in God's hands during the time of our prayer, or are we more aware of them than of prayer?

Do we have enough time to pray?

Do we delegate the tasks that it is not necessary for us to do, in order to have that essential time of prayer?