150th Anniversary Prayer for February 2023 Dominican Sisters of Springfield

(Sister Karen Freund)

- All: God of all goodness, in this month of February, we celebrate our call to serve Your People as consecrated women religious. Through living together in community, prayer, study, and ministry, we have been guided to serve your Church these 150 years as Dominicans of Springfield, Illinois. All our journeys, individually and communally, bless us a hundredfold by those to whom we are sent.
- Reader 1: You led us to share your Word through Religious Education Centers and on University Campuses.
- All: Keep us rooted in your Word so we continue to preach the Truth.
- Reader 2: We worked collaboratively to shape the Fargo Dominican Project, enriching us through inter-congregational efforts.
- All: Help us continue to collaborate in meeting the needs of others.
- Reader 3: We responded to the call for Parish Life Coordinators and Canon Lawyers.
- All: Open our hearts and minds that we might be responsive to the changing needs of Your Church.
- Reader 4: We are Spiritual Directors and Counselors, responding to the hunger and thirst for deepening faith in peoples' lives.
- All: Help us freely share the generous gifts of grace that draw others closer to you.
- All: Let us pray:

We are Dominican women who joyfully preach your Word from the pulpit of our lives. In every age, we are sustained by Your grace and by the love and prayers of our Sisters who have gone before us. In the power of this Communion of Saints, may we continue to lavish the fruits of our contemplation on one another and on the People of God you entrust to our hearts. Keep us faithful to the mission you have entrusted to us. We ask all this through Christ our Lord. Amen.