

PRAYER FOR THE ARTISTS OF OUR COMMUNITY, MUSICIANS AND COMMUNICATORS

Opening Prayer

O Lord of beauty,
omnipotent creator of all things,
You who have shaped all creatures
by printing on them the admirable imprint of your glory,
You who have illuminated the intimacy of each person
with the light of your face,
look at us and have compassion on us,
on our weakness, and in our poverty.

Put your eyes on our work,
on our daily fatigue.
Look at us, we are the artists, your artists,
painters, sculptors, musicians, actresses,
poetesses, dancers, and television hosts.
We are your little ones who love to live on the wings of poetry
to be able to be closer, and help our brothers and sisters,
to look higher in your sky and deeper into the heart.

Forgive us when we are fragile and fickle, we are human.
Give us your strength,
the one we discover in your Word, we feel in your grace,
and that we receive in the Eucharist.
In that shared bread that is communion,
brotherhood, sisterhood and joy.

We ask you for all the artists of our community,
within this distracted world;
let us help all people discover something of You, through art.
May our life be a song of praise to your beauty
and our works the luminous rays that illuminate
the path of all people.

Grant us forgiveness and give us your goodness,
your Spirit of wisdom and beauty.

Inspire us with your love and your grace,
and give us stupendous wings
so that with art we rise to You.

We ask you through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

Adapted from "La preghiera degli artisti", recited on March 28, 2018, at the funeral of the Italian television host Fabrizio Frizzi.

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:1-9

After this the Lord appointed seventy[-two]² others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.

Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way.

Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person² lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another.

Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'

Song: Que Canten los Pueblos (May all Peoples Sing)

<https://youtu.be/R95LVfA3oZ>

Symbolic offering

(an artist of the community reads out loud and she offers something made by her hands)

Thank you dear God for allowing this soul, to sing a new love song every day.
May the work of our hands and our song disperse the forces of self-sufficiency, egocentrism and egoism.

(one sister in representation of all sisters who are communicators reads out loud as she presents images of people silent, shouting and talking)

Lord, let our work be inspired by the light of your truth and by the law of your justice. In this way, we can lighten what is heavy, make attractive what is serious, enjoyable what is holy and give to the eternal truths, the air of exciting surprise of the latest news of the Gospel.

(one of the sisters offering a heart that symbolizes closeness and love)

I want to join the song of the needy who asks for justice and freedom. I want to join the song of the exploited child, the homeless, the elderly, all the men and women who cry out for your mercy Lord. Thank you God, for giving me this beautiful grace to play, to sing the joy of your salvation in union with your Pilgrim People.

Concluding Prayer

Lord, You who grant inspiration to artists to capture the beauty that comes from you, make that joy and hope grow with our works within humanity.

When we see all that you have done, we are inspired to be artisans of your love and your splendid creation. We ask that your spirit always guide our steps to correspond to your will in our service to others.

Today is a special day to thank you for our sisters with a gift in art, music, for the writers and communicators, who know how to capture the beauty of your creation and express it masterfully.

O God, source of all inspiration, guide our sisters and continue to bestow on them wisdom and talent. For we have understood that the beauty of nature and art have a unique foundation: the goodness and beauty of you our God and Creator.

May their works reflect the truth, goodness, and beauty of Your kingdom, and may these be a source of joy and hope for everyone.

We ask you on this day, that with your collaboration, we communicate to humanity a glimpse of your transcendent wisdom, as a call to share your creative power, full of love, kindness and charity.

We rest assured in the intercession of our mother Mary, whom you have called to the universal YES of all creation. May she accompany us on this day with the simplicity of love and service to others. **Amen**

The sisters in Peru