

Internationality



Opening song

Opening address

Although we live in different places and environments, we are connected by our faith in Jesus Christ and by the spirituality of Marguerite Bourgeoys. In this 2018 Internationality Prayer, let us pray that we can attend not only to ourselves but also to the joy, sufferings and sadness of others, and that we continue to strengthen our bonds with each other.

To start, we send our greeting of peace with our love to CND sisters and associates all over the world. (Alphabetically)*(A designated person chants as she lights the candle.)

To the people in Cameroon:

(F) Que la paix soit au Cameroun.

(E) May peace be in Cameroon.

To the people in Canada:

(F) Que la paix soit au Canada.

(E) May peace be in Canada.

To the people in the United States of America:

(E) May peace be in the United States of America.

To the people in France:

(F) Que la paix soit en France.

To the people in Guatemala:

(S) Que la paz reine en Guatemala.

To the people in Honduras :

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To the people in Japan :

(J) 日本が平和でありますように。(Nihon ga heiwa de arimasuyouni)

To the people in El Salvador:

(S) Que la paz reine en El Salvador.

(Song for peace)

キリストの平和 kirisuto no heiwa

Written and composed by Izumi Shiota

Copo III

C(E^b) Em(Gm)

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OR

41 Dona nobis pacem 与えたまえ 平和を Atae tamae, heiva wo

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与えたまえ、平和を。
 Atae tamae, heiva wo.

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The main themes of the CND Internationality Prayer

We witness sufferings and hear screams from the various places where we live, but let us focus on these three particular themes:

- 1- The environment of our common home, the earth.
- 2- The increasing number of immigrants and refugees all over the world.
- 3- The current situation of youth, searching for their future.

1. Let us confront the reality of the environmental issues affecting our common home, the earth. (Period of silent prayer.)

- We continue to rely on non-renewable energy, like fossil fuels. *
 - By using our own cars rather than public transportation, we are increasing our CO² emissions rather than decreasing them. *
 - Although two thirds of the Earth's population suffers from a lack of clean water, we continue to buy and consume water as merchandise. *
 - Tropical rain forests and coral reefs, which are sources of life, food, and health, have been damaged by human activity. *
 - Because of accelerated global warming, many lives are endangered. *
 - Drought and flooding threaten the safety of the food supply for hundreds of millions of people *
 - Because of global warming, sea levels and temperatures have risen. Consequently, the land and environment of many islands is facing the danger of extinction, and people of these islands are forced to evacuate. *
 - While air conditioning makes us comfortable in days of extreme heat, the ice where polar bears live keeps melting. *
 - We fail to welcome people who have become refugees and immigrants because of flooding, drought, and lack of food; neither do we change our attitudes. *
 - "This is the way human beings contrive to feed their self-destructive vices: trying not to see them, trying not to acknowledge them, delaying the important decisions and pretending that nothing will happen." * (*Laudato Si'* 59)
 - Some people are thinking about how to reduce their carbon footprint. *
- (Each group can add items.)



(Let us listen to the words of the Bible.) (Choose one of the following and pray for a few minutes afterwards.)

- The core of *Laudato Si'*
- "What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?" (160)
- Genesis 2:1–15 "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and care for it."
- Additions to Daniel, Prayer of Azariah and Hymn of the Three Children 3:52–67 (Catholic edition) "Bless the Lord, all the Lord's creation: praise and glorify the Lord forever!"
- Psalm 121 "I lift up my eyes to the mountains; from where shall my help come? My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth."

(Prayer)

All-powerful God,
Bring healing to our lives
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace. Amen.



(From *Laudato Si'*)

(Song for peace)

2. Immigrants and refugees

(Consider the current situation.) (Pray after a period of silent contemplation.)

- The worldwide number of refugees escaping from conflict and persecution, supported by UNHCR, has reached a record high of 71,440,000. *
- In 2017, the number of new refugees is as high as 16,200,000. No other time has required more humanitarian assistance than now. *
- In Lebanon, mothers and children line up for registration as refugees. *
- "Refugees" are people affected by conflict in their own country, whose lives have been threatened because of their religion, race, or political opinions, and who have escaped to other countries. 52% of refugees are under 18 years old. *

- A boy is forced to live in a shelter in Aleppo, Syria, which has been destroyed by bombing. *
- Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) have not crossed a border, and therefore are not protected as refugees. But their sufferings are the same as the refugees'. *
- Rohingya parents and children cross a rising river to get across the border. Many Rohingya don't possess any nationality. *
- People who have to escape their country, and who enter another country and apply for asylum there, are called asylum seekers. Many asylum seekers have arrived in Greece. *
- Some people are forced into poor working conditions after moving to another country with the dream of having a prosperous life. *
- Some people cannot receive education or medical service. *

(Let us listen to the words of the Bible.) (Choose one of the following and pray for a few minutes afterwards.)

- Matthew 2:13–23 (Jesus had an unstable life as a refugee right after his birth.)
- Exodus 2:23–3:10
- Leviticus 19:9–10, 33–34 (Love resident aliens. For you yourselves were once aliens in Egypt.)
- Hebrew 13:1–2 (Remember always to welcome strangers.)
- Ephesians 2:11–22 (Through Christ, we are in the one Spirit.)

(Prayer)

O God, pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.

O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned
and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes. Amen.

(From *Laudato Si'*)

(Song for peace)



Rohingya refugees arrive in Bangladesh

3. For youth all over the world

(Consider the current situation.) *

(Pray after a period of silent contemplation.)

- Young people want us to listen to their joys and worries. But people in the Church and family don't listen to them, saying they are busy. We wish there were people like "Momo" in the book by Michael Ende. *
- Some young people study hard to make their dream come true someday and also devote their efforts to volunteer activities. *
- Young people make friends easily through sports and music. On the other hand, some young people isolate themselves by closing themselves off from society. *
- We can make friends fairly easily through the internet and smartphones. But some young people feel insecure unless they are constantly connected through their smartphone. *
- When there is a natural disaster, some young people raise money and volunteer to help. *
- Even if their effort ends up not being successful, they still want it to be recognized. (This applies not only to young people, but also to adults.) *
- In this world full of violence, young people organized "March for Our Lives," non-violently seeking gun control. *
- By planting a fruit tree, they establish friendships, and experience the joy of working together and harvesting fruit. *
- Wondering about their vocation in life, with the prospect of eventually being thrown into a competitive society, gives them a vague sense of insecurity. *
- Being attracted by what they see, they become desperate to acquire newer and more convenient things. On the other hand, some young people don't feel fulfilled by material possessions. *
- Joseph and Mary raised Jesus with a lot of love before he started his mission. Living at home, he could relax and be himself. *



(Let us listen to the words of the Bible.) (Choose one of the following and pray for 2–3 minutes afterwards.)

- Matthew 18:1–5 (The greatest in the kingdom of Heaven.)
- Matthew 19:13–15 (Blessing the little children.)
- John 1:36–39 (Teacher, where do you live? Come and see.)
- John 21:1–14 (The fishing miracle on the Sea of Tiberias.)

(Let us pray)
 All-powerful God,
 you are present in the whole universe
 and in the smallest of your creatures.
 You embrace with your tenderness
 all that exists.
 Pour out upon us the power of your love,
 that we may protect life and beauty. Amen. (From *Laudato Si'*)

We, the CND sisters and associates, will continue to be open to and celebrate diversity
 between generations, cultures, and attitudes.
 This concludes the 2018 Internationality Prayer of Congr gation de Notre-Dame. Let us sing
 with praise and thanksgiving.

(Closing song)

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Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, quo - ni - am bo - nus.
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Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia.
 う た え 主 に か ん し ゃ ア レ ル - ヤ

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歌え主に、感謝、恵み深い主に。歌え主に、感謝、アレルヤ。
 Utae Shu ni, kansha, megumi fukai Shu ni. Utae Shu ni, kansha, alleluia.

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