

THE MESSAGE OF MONS. DAL CIN PONTIFICAL DELEGATE AND ARCHBISHOP OF LORETO

Dearest Friends, Pilgrims and Faithful,

The Holy House, kept in the Shrine of Loreto, has always been a “house of prayer” where generations upon generations have brought tears and thanks, joys and sorrows, kisses and invocations. In this house “the Word became flesh” (John, 1:4) and its walls are impregnated and vivified by so much prayer, beginning with that of Mary, whose strength of grace is still transmitted to all pilgrims who stop here and contemplate.

The desire that the grace of this place would be always more preserved and poured out upon all the world is even greater and even more motivated by the mandate that Pope Francis confided to us in his visit to the Holy House the 25th of March, 2019, reminding ourselves of the vocation proper to this Shrine: to gather, to make families, the youth, the sick and all pilgrims “feel at home” in order to help them to discover and realize their own path to holiness. A daily holiness, and for all! Just as the Holy Family of Nazareth lived it, to be in their own place “living stones for the building of a spiritual edifice” (1 Pet 2:5): the family of the children of God in the variety of its vocations and situations of life.

For this reason, on the occasion of the Jubilee of Loreto, there begins this network of prayer linked to the Holy House called “living stones” that wants to reach all: families, youth, sick, pilgrims... “Living stones” desire to be a universal chorus of prayer that, day and night, rises to the Lord who in this Holy House “made himself a home” for all, close to every man and woman of all times.

Those who register themselves in this network of prayer will be remembered in the Holy Mass celebrated every Saturday in the Holy House.

With best wishes, may the Lord bless you,
Fabio Dal Cin _Archbishop, Pontifical Delegate

From the “living stones” of the Holy House of Loreto where resounded the call and the “here I am” of Mary; from the “living stones” of this place of grace that recalls the Holy Family of Nazareth sanctified in daily life; from the “living stones” of this Shrine where pilgrims of all times and places have found and find comfort, inspiration and strength, there begins and spreads the network of prayer called:

“Living Stones”

Thus all those who adhere to this initiative “clinging to Christ, the living stone... you too are employed as living stones for the construction of a spiritual building” (1Pt 2:4-5): the family of the children of God, in the variety of its vocations, states and situations of life.

LET US PRAY TOGETHER THE PRAYER OF THE JUBILEE OF LORETO

O God, Your glory is higher than heaven;
let it lift us up in flight
let our spirits also rise up
and give us the wings of faith, hope and charity.

The flight of planes is a rainbow
that unites men and women from every continent
in a brotherly embrace
of friendship, solidarity and peace.

Through the maternal intercession of the Blessed Virgin of Loreto,
protect all those who invoke her as Celestial Patroness,
so that they may happily conclude their journey
between the countries and peoples of the world.

To you, Father,
who with the Son reign gloriously
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
be praise and glory forever.

Amen!

Mary, Queen and Gate of Heaven,
pray for us!

Why pray?

Because it is Jesus who asks us: "The harvest is great, but the workers are few! Pray therefore to the master of the harvest to send workers into his harvest" (Mt 9:37-38).

Because we are aware that "without Me you can do nothing" (Jn 15:5) and that "if the Lord does not build the house, in vain the builders toil" (Ps 127).

Furthermore, to respond to Pope Francis' call to make the Shrine of Loreto a "pole" of evangelization and pastoral care for families, youth and the sick. (Visit to Loreto on 25 March 2019)

Pray for whom?

According to the Pope's mandate: especially for families at the intersection of all life situations, where young people grow and mature their vocation and where the sick can be welcomed and cared for.

When?

Choose freely half an hour or an hour a month, day or night.

With whom?

Alone, with friends, in the family, in a group, in community....
The important thing is that membership is personal and guarantees continuity.

Where?

In the most convenient place for you: at home, in church, possibly in front of the Blessed Sacrament and elsewhere.....

How?

Pray as your heart suggests..... by participating in Holy Mass or Eucharistic adoration; with the rosary with the prayer of the Angelus; by reading and meditating on the Word of God; with the liturgical prayer of the Hours....

Each month a prayer intention will be suggested and communicated on the site every first Wednesday. You will also find the prayer of Pope Francis that characterizes this experience.

Those who are in a time of illness can offer to the Lord their sufferings and actions of the whole day and, at the chosen time, they can spiritually bring themselves before the tabernacle of their parish and pray from there.

How to join?

Through the form below you can join the initiative and you will be part of this universal prayer network proposed by the Shrine of Loreto.

Once we receive your membership we will send you a "living stone" card with the day and time that you have chosen.

Finally, we make a gift to you:

The Eucharist celebrated in the Holy House every Saturday morning at 7.30 a.m. is for all benefactors and for those who participate in the "living stones" prayer network.

"Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication." (Eph. 6,18).

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