



OPENING PASSAGE

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied, "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way!" So I went forth and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And he led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East. – Minnie Louise Harkins

OPENING

Leader: Brothers and Sisters in Christ let us begin our reflection by putting ourselves in the most holy presence of our Lord. ✠ In the name of the Father, Son Holy Spirit.
Amen.

ADORAMUS TE

Leader: Adoramus Te Christe et benedicimus tibi. (We adore you Christ)

All: **Quia per sanctum crucem tuam, redemisti mundum.** (By your holy cross, you save the world)

CONFITEOR

Leader: Let us confess our sins and acknowledge our need for God's redeeming love.

All: **I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

Our journey to World Youth Day has been an opportunity to touch the universality of the Church. We have gathered with thousands from all over the world who share the same faith and who came as members of the same Body of Christ. We have shared the banquet of Christ's body and blood with our brothers and sisters. We have been invited to live our commitment to Christ with renewed energy, to witness to the love and forgiveness Jesus gives and to be ambassadors of a new hope and trust in God. Let us truly be people open to the call of God and proclaim as light of the world, Jesus Christ, God's Son through whom we pray, and who lives and reigns with the Father and with the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**





FIRST READING (Genesis 7:11-12, 24, 8:1-2, NAB)

Reader: A reading from the book of Genesis.

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month: it was on that day that all the fountains of the great abyss burst forth, and the floodgates of the sky were opened. For forty days and forty nights heavy rain poured down on the Earth. The waters maintained their crest over the earth for one hundred and fifty days, and then God remembered Noah and all the animals, wild and tame, that were with him in the ark. So God made a wind sweep over the earth and the waters began to subside. The fountains of the abyss and the floodgates of the sky were closed, and the downpour from the sky was held back.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 98)

Response: **All the ends of the earth have seen the power of God.**

Reader: Sing a new song to the Lord for He has worked wonders. His right hand and His holy arm have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known His salvation; has shown His justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, ring out your joy. **R.**

LITANY

Response: **We give you thanks, O God.**

Leader: You bless people all over the world with the gift of life. **R.**

You sent Your Son to be one of us, our brother. **R.**

You chose Mary to be His mother. **R.**

You gave Your Son to save us from sin. **R.**

You love Your people with deepest love. **R.**

You make us Your holy people. **R.**

You nourish us with the bread of life. **R.**

You fill Your children with joy and peace. **R.**

You call us to praise You for Your care for us. **R.**

You sent the Holy Spirit to the whole world. **R.**

You invite us to love You by loving others. **R.**

You give us talents and gifts to use for Your glory. **R.**

GOSPEL (Mark 16:15-20, NAB)

Reader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, Lord.**

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents, and if they drink





any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SHARING

Leader: Let us take a few minutes to reflect on the readings and of our experiences last month during World Youth Days. Then we'll recollect ourselves and share our joys and disappointments with each other.

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All: **We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfilment of the Scriptures; he ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Leader: Let us bring to the Lord any intentions we have this day.

Response: **Lord, hear our voice**

MEMORARE

All: **Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins my Mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful; O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy clemency hear and answer me. Amen.**





LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray in our Lord's words:

All: **Our Father, who art in Heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

SIGN OF PEACE

Leader: Jesus said "I leave you peace, my peace I give you". May He grant us the peace and unity of His kingdom where He lives for ever and ever. **Amen.**

At the conclusion of World Youth Days 2002, the Holy Father commissioned the Youth of the World to be the light of the world and salt of the earth and bring the good news of the cross to all. Let us symbolize that by tracing a cross of each other's foreheads as a sign of peace.

PRAYER OF WORLD YOUTH DAY 2002

All: **God our Father, Your Son Jesus calls us to be salt of the Earth and light for the world. Let the light of your justice shine in our lives, so that our words may season the world with the flavour of the Gospel, and our lives be shining examples of Jesus who is the True Light. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.**

CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: Loving God, You have brought together people from all parts of the world so that together we might proclaim Your presence among us. From all races on the earth You have called young people to sing of your wonderful love. You have been our companion on this pilgrimage and You have brought us home safely. Bless us and all pilgrims, that we might grow in love, give our lives to service of the poor and oppressed, and be witnesses for those who have not yet met You. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

May the gifts of God, ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, unite us, and may we be strengthened in faith, hope and love, now and forever. **Amen.**

