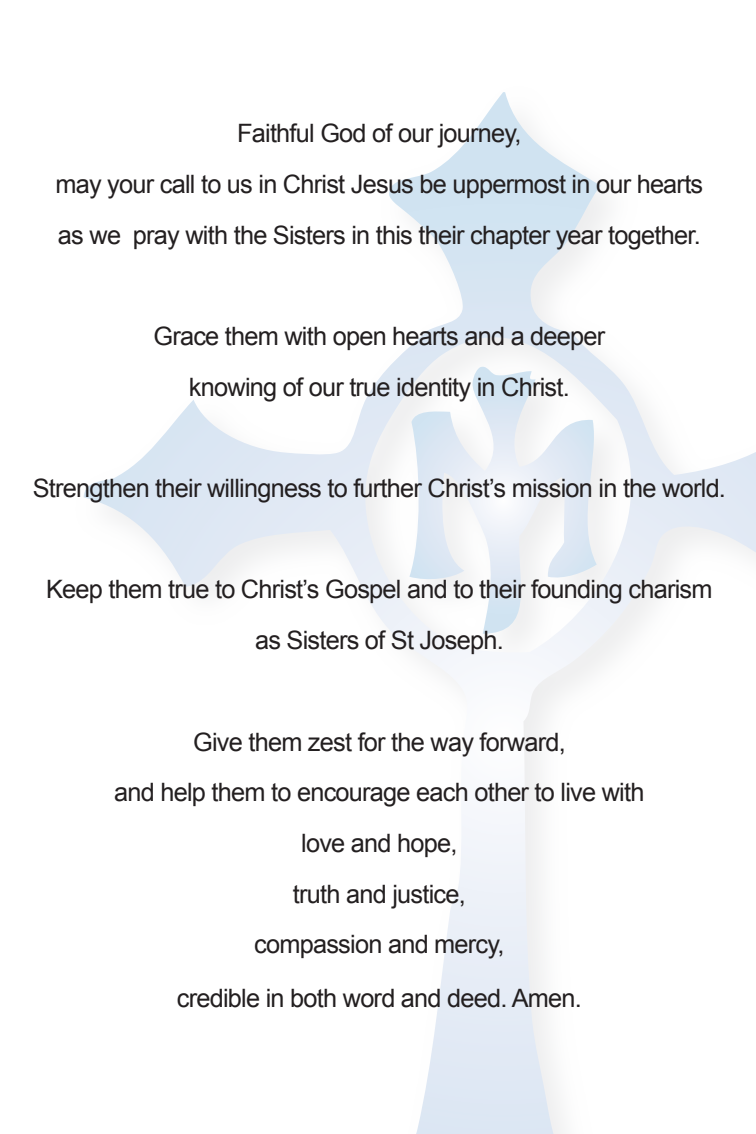


*I do not consider  
that I have made it my own;  
but this one thing I do:  
forgetting what lies behind  
and straining forward to what lies ahead,  
I press for the goal, for the prize  
of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.*

*(Philippians 3:13-14)*

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Faithful God of our journey,  
may your call to us in Christ Jesus be uppermost in our hearts  
as we pray with the Sisters in this their chapter year together.

Grace them with open hearts and a deeper  
knowing of our true identity in Christ.

Strengthen their willingness to further Christ's mission in the world.

Keep them true to Christ's Gospel and to their founding charism  
as Sisters of St Joseph.

Give them zest for the way forward,  
and help them to encourage each other to live with  
love and hope,  
truth and justice,  
compassion and mercy,  
credible in both word and deed. Amen.

*In other words . . .*

*I'm not saying I have it all together,  
but this is what really fires me up:*

*I am throwing all my energies into working positively  
for what needs to happen so we can move forward,  
and I am not letting the past shack~~le~~ me.*

*I am eagerly anticipating the future in trust,  
with God's call to me in Christ Jesus  
uppermost in my heart.*

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may your call to us in Christ Jesus be uppermost in our hearts  
as pray we move through this chapter year together.

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*Focus Question*

*What is urgent for us to say and do in this Chapter Year  
so that we move forward  
with hope, energy, realism and a renewed sense of identity?*