

# Prayer for Community



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O Holy and Triune God, God of Communion, the source of our life, thank you for gift of life and love. You spoke a word, and life came to be – a life of union with you. All of our ordinary moments are means of entering into a more significant relationship with you, God. In the midst of those very ordinary happenings, you are ready to speak your word of love to us, if only we will recognize your presence.

Teach us as members of communities, how to enjoy being. Encourage us to be present to the gifts that are ours. May we be more fully aware of what we see, taste, touch, hear, and smell. May this awareness of our senses sharpen our perception of our everyday treasures and lead us to greater joy and gratitude.

Grant us the courage to be our true selves. Help us to let go of being overly concerned about what others think of us or of how successful we are. May our inner freedom be strengthened and our joy in life be activated.

Life is meant to be celebrated, enjoyed, delighted in, and embraced in all its mystery. Guide us to our inner child. Enable us to accept and celebrate our difference. Help us to love one another, forgive each other, regard each other more highly than ourselves. Show us how to teach and correct each other, encourage each other, pray for each other, and bear each other's burdens. Help us to be friends with one another, kind, compassionate, and generous in hospitality.

Lord of our hearts, may the sisterhood that we experience together in communities create new awareness of possibilities for us in the world. By embracing our diversity in age and experience, colour, culture and language, grant us grace to shine God's healing presence with boldness, bringing beauty of communion into our communities and the world at large. Amen.

**Sr. Bridget George SSps**

*Prayer is the place of admitting our need, of adopting humility, and claiming dependence upon God.*

Holy and Triune God, I thank and praise you for the gift of every sister in our community. Each of us is a miracle of your love, chosen to be here to share life and mission like the variety of beautiful flowers in the garden. You have blessed us with gifts and talents to complement and enrich each other. Lord Jesus we are here not by accident but by your choice to share our life and love with one another. May we grow in your love and goodness. Help us to be in communion with you the Divine and each other so that we may love, respect, care and value the precious gift of our life and vocation. O Holy Spirit of God bind us with your love, make us humble to rise above our daily trifles, to forgive oneself and the other when we experience tensions and hurts, heal our wounds, broken relationships and restore the peace and harmony in our community. Make us the channels of your love, peace, joy and harmony to all our neighbours and mission partners. Mary our mother be with us, as you were with the apostles and pray for us to be the good news of Jesus your Son, through our lives and work. Amen

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*At the start of a relationship, we spend a lot of time talking and listening as we get to know each other. A similar dynamic happens as we get to know the God of our lives. We read the Bible, and we pray.*

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