

## ADORATION ON FOUNDER'S FEAST JAN 15<sup>TH</sup>



Our story begins in the loving heart of the Triune God. Out of the loving communion of the Father, the son, and the spirit, creation was born, we were born. This love is both: the movement inward - to deeper communion and outward-inviting others into this communion. Today, at this time of history, the same spirit beckons us, to prepare our hearts to enter into communion with God, who opted to be born as a human being, die as criminal and finally resurrect to life. He promised to be present with us always till the end of the time, even in the form of broken bread, the sacramental presence of Jesus. Let us get in touch with our deeper desire to be connected with our God .....**Pause**

- Let us all kneel down to welcome Jesus amidst us.....( Flute...Aaradhana hymn)

O Sacrament most holy, o Sacrament divine, all praise and all thanks giving, be every moment thine. O most holy Trinity, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, We bow down before you and we adore you. Almighty Father, we thank you for your love and providence. Jesus our divine master, you became the expression of Father's love. Thank you for coming into our hearts and lives today. As we sit in your presence, Jesus we completely entrust our entire being into your loving care to experience you more deeply at this time of adoration. May your spirit raise our hearts in gratitude and prayer.

- Song : O sacrament most holy, o sacrament divine.....(3)

Abba Father loved us so much and his eternal love story ever resounds in the Blessed Sacrament. In the fullness of time, the author of life entered the human story. Empowered by the Spirit, Jesus proclaimed the reign of God and beckoned all into friendship with the Triune God. Fr. Arnold was gripped by mystery of incarnate word, whose presence caused his heart to tremble in holy awe. With all his spiritual might, Fr. Arnold wanted to respond to that incomprehensible love and to avoid everything that could separate him from it. Today, we the sons and daughters, bring our hearts together in contemplation of this mystery as it is spelled out clearly in the Prologue of John's Gospel....(**Pause**)

Now let us give voice to the sentiments that well up in our hearts, while reflecting over the mystery of incarnation, as we sing...

- Song : Aadi mein dha.....(Rag Sarita D-5 )
- Let us listen to the scripture reading. Jn 15: 12-17

God says, "You did not choose me, but I chose you." God's choice of a person is above all a free gift of God, to partake in the construction of God's kingdom. An eye of faith would definitely take us to our own vocation story where we notice an 'invitation' or a 'call' from the part of God, and our response to that invitation as well. That was an invitation to embrace discipleship. This is the result of a choice that God made, "You did not choose me but I chose you and appointed

you.” It is God who chooses everybody from eternity for the mission or task he has in mind for the humanity. The one who receives this call cannot but accept it with gratitude because it is the concrete realization of God’s unconditional love for humanity.

In Deuteronomy 7: 7-8 we read, “If Yahweh set his heart on you and chose you, it was not because you outnumbered other peoples...it was for love of you.” Fr. Arnold had a deep sense of ‘being called’ to accomplish God’s plan. He was a person who valued his vocation at all times, be it as a diocesan priest or as the founder of three congregations. He always tried to be attuned to God’s will and nothing could move him away from doing God’s will...be it criticisms, hardships, loneliness, poverty, discouragements or insults. Taking inspiration from our founder, let us now take some time to thank God for our precious vocation as Divine word missionaries and Servants of the Holy Spirit. We thank God for his faithfulness, even when we were not faithful to him, for his love expressed in numerous people and events, when we needed it most, for the extended hands when we needed to rise, for the uplifting words when we needed just a word of encouragement to go ahead in our mission, for the moments we made a positive difference in other’s lives....and many more things to be thankful....we let our hearts acknowledge such God given moments in our life as a religious missionary...(Pause)

- **Song: Yesu thunae bulaya...**

On this great day of the feast of our founder, acknowledging the free gift of our vocation, it is fitting that we pray together, renewing our commitment to the Lord as religious missionaries.

- **Prayer of Renewal -Praying together...**

Oh, God, the author of my life, you created the universe which proclaims your presence. I thank you for the gift of my life. You thought of me before I ever knew of you, ages before my birth. I feel blessed to be called by you for your mission and I bring to you my sincere desire to be true to my call.

You give yourself with your ocean of gifts and you never stop giving. Out of your own blessings, I give you what I have, my love, and my free decision to follow your call by living the vows faithfully. You invite me to be myself, to think and question, make mistakes and grow. You would rather see me walking and falling than see me staying still, afraid of falling. And so, trusting you, I once again renew my commitment, with a sense of gratitude.

Today I long to see your peace everywhere and access the abundance of beauty and joy that lie in every moment. With renewed commitment, with an attitude of letting go and forgiveness, I pledged to move on with life. May I see the world and all the sufferings in it with your compassionate eyes, with optimism and courage, with love and generosity, with a sincere desire to help. Rekindled by the power of your love, may I respond to your call of being a member of a religious missionary congregation and strive to be an authentic witness in today’s world. May Mary, my mother, intercede for me. Amen

- With a renewed enthusiasm for life and mission, we pray for the anointing of the Holy Spirit on each of us. That we may be rich in gifts and fruits of the Spirit in order to carry on the mission of Jesus.

O Holy Spirit, we open ourselves to the treasures you have in store for us...come up on us...breathe within us....awaken ourselves to wholeness of life.. with your light direct us.. gift us with wisdom, understanding, fortitude, love, joy, peace, patience, thoughtfulness, kindness, goodness, gentleness...

- Song...**Phir sae to Aag barsayae...phirsae thufanu anae dae.....**
- We pray for one of the virtues of our father founder St. Arnold, that we would like to cultivate in us.....humility, faith, firmness, love, obedience, willingness, promptness, hope, yearning, trust, honesty, openness, generosity and courage.

**Phir sae to Aag barsayae...phirsae thufanu anae dae.....**

The desire of St. Arnold When he prayed was: “May the darkness of sin and the night of unbelief vanish before the light of the Word and the Spirit of grace, And may the heart of Jesus live in the hearts of all people.” So dear brothers and sisters, falling in line with this desire of St. Arnold, to share the light and grace with the rest of the humanity, let us now extend our prayers with generous hearts.

Let our response be in singing “Lord listen to your people praying.....

Intercessory prayers:

1. Abba Father, in the life of St. Arnold we see, what, a man of great faith and deep love, can accomplish for your reign on earth. We pray for all those priests, religious and missionaries struggling in their faith and perseverance.
2. St. Arnold wanted that the beggars to be properly fed: Remembering this today, we especially pray for all those who are homeless and those go hungry .We pray that they may experience generosity of people and warmth of Christ in their life.
3. St. Arnold fostered good relation with those who were dismissed and left the society. We pray that all those of our priests, sisters and formess who have left for good.
4. Fr. Arnold spent time in praying for the suffering as he knew himself what suffering meant. We pray for the sick, those suffering physically, emotionally and psychologically. Father, give them a greater understanding of the redeeming value of pain and suffering.
5. Father Arnold knew the role of parents in moulding their children with values and in religiosity. We pray for all the parents who generously give their children to carry on the missionary task of the church.
6. We pray for all the diseased members of the Arnoldus family. We ask the fullness of eternal joy for them.
7. Father, We pray for all the members of the three congregation founded by St. Arnold Jansen, the grace of perseverance. Let us pray from **prayer book page 98**

8. From childhood onward Father Arnold was aware of the burning realities of the world through magazines and he used to pray for various intentions: Dear brothers and sisters, **you are most welcome to pray aloud, for the various intentions** of our country and the world.
- Trusting in the divine providence of our Abba Father, let us sing the Our Father- from Rag sarita **I-14**

### **Concluding prayer**

Lord, Jesus Christ, we adore you as the Son of God, and through the mediation of your most sweet Mother, we beseech you, send us from the abundance of your loving heart the grace of the Holy Spirit in order that He may enlighten our ignorance, and confirm us in His holy love. May the spirit of our founder St. Arnold continue to guide and inspire our missionary life. This we ask of you through the love of the Father and Holy Spirit, through the abundance of your infinite mercy, and through the merits of all your saints. Amen.

- Hymn: Let all bow in adoration.
- Praises to the sacred heart – Rag Sarita Page 293
- Hymn: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good....
- Angelus...

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