

BIRTH DAY PRAYER OF ST. ARNOLD JANSSEN

(NOV.5TH)

Let us begin our morning worship by singing the motto of our Congregation, “May the Holy Triune God live in our hearts and in the hearts of all people.”

Today we celebrate the birthday of our founder St. Arnold Janssen. On this special occasion with grateful hearts we honor our founder by doing Aarti.

Introduction:

Our founder St. Arnold Janssen, blessed Helena and Josepha had a great devotion to the Holy Spirit. It's because of their great devotion to the Holy Spirit, our congregation was named after Holy Spirit. Blessed Josepha always said “May every breath be Come Holy Spirit.” As we begin our prayer service let our prayer be “Come Holy Spirit.” May the Holy Spirit purify us, destroy what is evil in us and give us light and warmth. May the Holy Spirit enable us to do God's will. Let's implore the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit as we sing Creator Spirit.

- Creator Spirit

Today we celebrate the birth day of our founder St. Arnold Janssen. He is our loving father, prominent leader and founder of the Divine Word Missionaries, the missionary sisters servants of the Holy Spirit and the sisters servants of the Holy Spirit of Perpetual Adoration.

St. Arnold Janssen was a man of humble origin, insignificant beginnings, never consider brilliant, not famous as Nelson Mandela, King, Martin Luther or Mahatma Gandhi. He was ordinary. His grades were ‘satisfactory’, ‘less satisfactory’, and sometimes ‘good’. He got through to priesthood by simply working hard diligently. He simply thought that if priests and religious could not work in their own land, they should think of the millions of the people in the world who have not heard Good News and reach out to them.

St. Arnold Janssen had Deep Faith in God and vision, a daring spirit to try the untried. He did not have many means. But all that he was, he placed totally at God's disposal-including his faults and his personality weaknesses. Humbly, he was willing to be shaped, and to be used for God's design in God's own way, in God's own time, in total love and faithful commitment.

St. Arnold Janssen lowered his net, and God did the rest! He is the man we speak of, the man who did ordinary things in an extraordinary way. This is the man who became the head of more than 10,000 men and women religious and lay partners from every corner of the world in carrying out the great mission of spreading the Good News.

As we, his daughters come together and celebrate his birth day. His saying reminds us- “Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

- So let’s raise our hearts in praising God and seek the blessings of our Founder St. Arnold Janssen through this hymn. (Sing Along: Hymn No.-364)
- Dear sisters now I invite you to pick up a quote of St. Arnold Janssen and say a loud after a brief meditative pause.
- Let us sing together. (Sing Along: Hymn No. 112)
- Now let us bring our prayers and petitions through the intercession of St. Arnold Janssen.

Concluding prayer:

Holy Triune God, we thank and praise you for the gift of St. Arnold who established three missionary congregations and inspired many to respond to the needs of the time with great courage and fidelity. Through his intercession may we - the members of the Arnoldus family, continue to discern God’s will. May his prayers help us to read the signs of the time and respond adequately in our ministries, with prophetic courage and building life giving relationships. Help us Lord, to seek the values that will bring us lasting peace and unity in this changing world. Make us one in mind and heart and may the heart of Jesus live in our hearts and in the hearts of all people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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***“Let us always make use of the prayer; the key to all graces.”
- St. Arnold Janssen***