

Society of the Divine Word

SVD Lay Partners
Prayers



St. Arnold Janssen
(1837-1909)

Founder of the Society of the Divine Word, the Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit and the Sister Servants of the Holy Spirit of Perpetual Adoration.



Canonized on October 5, 2003.

"To proclaim the Good News is the first and greatest act of love of neighbour."

Arnold Janssen, SVD

St. Joseph Freinademetz
(1852-1908)

Pioneer of the Divine Word Missionaries in China, canonized on October 5, 2003 together with Arnold Janssen.



"The only language understood by people everywhere is the language of love."

Joseph Freinademetz, SVD

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Opening Prayers

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father...

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, O Holy Spirit,
Fill the hearts of your faithful,
and enkindle in them the
fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.

Quarter Hour Prayer

L. God, eternal truth,

A. We believe in you.

L. God, our strength and salvation,

A. We hope in you.

L. God, infinite goodness,

A. We love you with all our heart.

L. You have sent the Word as Savior of the world,

A. Make us all one in him.

L. Fill us with the Spirit of your Son,
A. That we may glorify your name. Amen.

Invocations to SVD Special Patrons

L. Incarnate Word of God,
A. Give us life by your Spirit.

L. Most pure Mother of the Lord,
A. Bring all people to your Son.

L. Holy Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,
A. Promote the kingdom of God on earth.

L. Saints Joseph, Joachim and Anne,
A. Pray God for more ministers of the Gospel.

L. Saints Peter and Paul, John and Andrew,
A. Help the heralds of the faith.

L. Saints Gregory, Augustine and Vincent,
A. Pray for all the members of the Church of every state and rank.

L. Saints Arnold and Joseph,
A. Open our hearts to all people.

L. Blessed Maria Helena, Josepha and our SVD martyrs,
A. Help us in our missionary service.

L. May the darkness of sin and the night of unbelief vanish before the light of the Word and the Spirit of grace.
A. And may the Heart of Jesus live in the hearts of all people. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Preferably readings of the day
Or choose any of the following
Jn 1:1-14; Mt 1:18-24a; Lk 2:15-20;
Lk 17:11-19 ; Jn 12:37-50

Reflection and sharing...

Agenda for Discussion and Sharing...

Concluding Prayers

Prayer to St. Arnold

Loving God, you called Arnold to follow
your Son, the Divine Word, in
proclaiming the Gospel to all peoples.
Burning with love for him and filled with
his Spirit, he dedicated himself totally to
the spreading of your Kingdom of peace
and love.

Therefore, with confidence we pray:
St. Arnold, implore for us a burning love
for Christ and a dedication to the
missionary calling of the Church.
Guide us to build families and
communities where justice, compassion,
and equality are lived.

Help us to stretch our hearts to embrace
all peoples of this one world.
May the Light of the Word and the Spirit
of Grace transform our world and free our hearts
so that we become fully alive with Jesus' Spirit.
Amen.

Prayer to St. Joseph Freinademetz

Loving God, you revealed your love to
Joseph Freinademetz through the life and
death of your Son, Jesus. Joseph was deeply
touched by Jesus laying down his life on the
cross that we might have life with you. Filled
with the Spirit of Jesus, Joseph also gave his
life that others may know your love and live
as brothers and sisters of one Father.

Therefore, with confidence we pray:
St. Joseph, implore for us a listening and
loving heart.

Like you, may we courageously hear and
answer the call of the Lord in our lives.
Help us to learn to lovingly give our lives in
service of our brothers and sisters of all
social, religious, and cultural backgrounds.
May we truly appreciate the diversity of our
human family and celebrate this
abundance of life we share in God.
Amen.

Prayer for the Missionaries

We beg you to watch over your missionaries who have left all things to bear witness to your gospel and to your love.

Be their “mighty shield and strong support, their shelter from the heat, a shade from the noon day sun, a guard from stumbling, a help against falling.” (Sir 34:16)

Guide and enlighten them by your Word and example. Lift up their hearts in the face of trouble and danger.

O Lord, grant that wherever they go, the image of your crucifixion may go with them, that in times of danger and difficulty they may learn from it a true meaning of sacrifice. Let them find strength and consolation in it, in their weakness.

Through it, let them find light and firmness of spirit in every crisis of their apostolate.

Empower them to lead all the people to you, who is the Way, the Truth, and Life.

Lead them to praise and thank you who have redeemed them and who wish to bring them to their eternal reward.

Amen.

Prayer for the Lay Partners

In your infinite love, you have given us the gift of faith in Jesus Christ, your Son.

We thank you for Saints Arnold Janssen and Joseph Freinademetz whom you called to spread the Good News to the whole world.

Bless all the members of SVD Lay Partners, inspire us, guide us, protect us and give us courage to be ever faithful to the Church and commit ourselves for the loving service of others.

Give us joy and good health to all our family members.

Help us Lord, to seek the values that will bring us lasting peace 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.

Amen.

Prayer for Missions

All provident Father, source of Life and Love, you sent your Son to reconcile humanity with yourself and to unite in peace all peoples divided by walls of indifference and hatred, arrogance and intolerance.

Through the guiding light of the Holy Spirit, you have called us from among peoples of diverse nations and languages

to share in your universal mission of gathering humankind into your Trinitarian communion.

Nourish us and our mission partners in our commitment to proclaim the challenge and solace of the Divine Word to all especially to the poor and marginalized, to the migrants in search of refuge, and to the young in search of meaning.

Mary, our Mother, intercede for us, that we may remain faithful and creative disciples of your Son.

Saints Arnold and Joseph, together with our Blessed martyrs and with Blessed Maria Helena and Josefa intercede for the Society of the Divine Word and SVD Lay Partners so that the missions may bear fruit having joy, peace and justice and in promoting intercultural life and intercultural bridge-building among peoples of our time.
Amen.

Prayer for Dialogue Partners in Mission

Father, we praise and bless you for calling all people to share in the Kingdom of your love.

We praise and bless you
for the gift of life that you have given to us.
You gather us as a community of brothers and
sisters
to share in the life and mission of your Son.

We praise and bless you
for our partners in dialogue in mission.
They challenge us to be faithful
in living our Christian vocation
and help us grow
as human beings and as Christians.

Father, grant us the grace of conversion
to have the courage to change
our mentality, attitudes and behavior,
as we reach out to our partners in dialogue
and journey with them
towards the fullness of Life and Truth.

Father, send Your Spirit
upon the Society of the Divine Word,
and on all SVD lay missionaries and groups.

Through the intercession of Saints Arnold and
Joseph, our Blessed martyrs,
and Blessed Maria Helena and Josefa
may our initiatives and endeavors
help to renew our commitment

and make us better witnesses
at the service of Your Kingdom.
Amen.

Salve, Regina

Salve Regina, Mater misericordiae:
Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus, exsules, filii Hevae.
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
In hac lacrimarum valle.
Eia ergo, Advocata nostra,
Illos tuos misericordes oculos
Ad nos converte.
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis, post hoc exsilium ostende.
O clemens! O pia!
O dulcis Virgo Maria!

Or

No man can live as island;
Journey through life alone;
Since we're most loved by a mother
Jesus gave us his own

Ref: Be with us Mary along the Way
Guide every step we take
Lead us to Jesus your loving son;
Come with us Mary, come

When Jesus met with rejection, Mary stood by
the Cross;

How can a mother desert her Son? She'll also
stand by us

Help us, O star of the Ocean, be with us in our
strife,

When we are faced with temptation, tossed by
the storms of life.

Or

Any other Marian Hymn

Closing...

Glory be to the Father...