

Prayer Intentions for August 2023

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention - For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

**DEAR YOUNG PEOPLE,
DO NOT BURY YOUR
TALENTS,
THE GIFTS THAT
GOD
HAS GIVEN YOU!
DO NOT BE AFRAID
TO DREAM OF
GREAT
THINGS!**
POPE FRANCIS



The Christian Cross, sign of the infinite love of God for the Humankind, is the main element, where everything is born from.



The passage of the Visitation is the theme of the WYD Lisbon 2023, and it reveals us that Mary was ready to live according to God's will, being available to serve Elizabeth. This movement underlines the invitation made to the young people to renew their "inner strength, their dreams, the enthusiasm, the hope and the gratitude" (Christus Vivit, 20). Next to the path there is also a shape that evokes the Holy Spirit.



Mary is depicted as a young girl to represent the figure of the Gospel of Saint Luke (Lc 1, 39) and to enable a resemblance with the youngest. The drawing expresses the juvenility of her age, a characteristic of someone who was not a mother, yet, but who is carrying the light of the world inside Her. This figure has a slight inclination, to show the compelled attitude of the Virgin Mary.



The choice of the rosary celebrates the spirituality of the Portuguese people in their devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. This is placed on the path to recall the pilgrimage experience which is so remarkable in Portugal.



THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION PRAYER

O Christ, upon the mountaintop you let the light of your face shine over Moses and Elijah. We ask your blessing upon your people who call on your name, who want to belong to the kingdom of light and life. Amen.

Painting by Lorenzo Lotto (c.1511)

Transfiguration of Our Lord – August 6

22 August
The Queenship of Our Lady
Memorial

Pope Pius XII instituted this Feast in 1954, to conclude what was then the Octave of the Assumption. We remember that the Blessed Virgin Mary reigns in Heaven, together with her Son; she reigns not because she is equal to God, but because she is the mother of Christ the King. All her privileges come from her Motherhood of God and the unique role she played in our redemption.



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AUGUST 22 IS
**QUEENSHIP
OF
MARY**

Queen of All Hearts,
Advocate of the most
hopeless cases,
Mother of Divine
Love,
pray for us.

