

MEET THE WANTS OF THE AGE

The 2016 General Chapter calls us to address the root causes of violence, war, human trafficking and the myriad humanitarian and environmental crises of our time and respond to them collaboratively through actions in accord with our spirit and mission: education, political and social advocacy, direct action, prayer and sharing of resources.

We are to do all we can, individually and together, to alleviate the struggle and suffering of migrants, internally displaced persons, refugees and asylum seekers in whatever parts of the world we find ourselves.

So we pray...

**God of justice and love,
strengthen us
that we may work against all that is dark in our world.**

**Grant us the spiritual and human resources we need
to hold our ground against all that is not of the kingdom.**

**May we be rooted in the truth,
and living with integrity,
eager to spread the gospel of peace.**

**Show us how to pray in the Spirit on every possible occasion,
asking for what our world needs.**

**Give us the grace
to speak and to act without fear
in the name of all struggling and suffering peoples.**

We are called to live and proclaim the gospel.

**May our words and our actions
be as bold as they can be.**

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Amen.

PRAYER INSPIRED BY ST PAUL'S CALL TO THE EPHESIANS (6:10-20)
FOR THE WORLD OF OUR TIME AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY IN IT