

PRAYER CELEBRATING  
175 YEARS OF THE  
SOCIETY OF THE HOLY CHILD JESUS

God of all time

–the same yesterday, today and forever –  
we give thanks for Cornelia Connelly  
and for all who have lived and ministered in  
the Society of the Holy Child Jesus over the last 175 years.

We give thanks for all they received from you  
in times of hardship and times of joy;  
for their commitment to living out and making known  
the reality of the Incarnation;  
for their courage and creativity and constancy.

We pray that, today and tomorrow,  
learning from Cornelia and all those who followed her,  
and drawing on their rich heritage each member of the Society  
will continue to live in the same spirit of freedom and fidelity  
taking forward into the future an  
uncompromising commitment to the gospel.

We pray too for the Associates  
and all who, across the world, are inspired and  
encouraged by Cornelia's story and her vision.  
Drawn by the Spirit in the same way she was,  
may we continue to grow  
as a united community of faith and service,  
supporting one another in our mission, inherited from Cornelia,  
to witness to God's presence in our world and in our hearts.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, risen and present with us.

Amen