

PRAYER



Holy Mary, morning virgin

Grant us the joy of guessing the hopes of the new day in the mist of dawn.

Inspire us with words of courage.
Grant that our voice may not tremble,
when, despite the wickedness and sins,
which make the world grow old,
we dare announce the advent of better times...

Never allow complaints to prevail over wonder
on our lips, discouragement to stop our work,
skepticism to crush our enthusiasm
and the heavy past to forbid our trusting
in the future.

Grant that our voices may mark the rhythm of the Easter Alleluia.
Grant that the sand of our realism may be imbued with dreams;
that we may love the warm utopias for the wounds causing
the bleeding of hope in the world.

Help us understand that showing the buds in the branches
is worthier than crying over falling leaves.
Grant us the certainty of him who already sees the East
flaring up at the first sunrays.

Tonino Bello

"Mary of the Earth, Immaculate Virgin and refuge of all our tribulations: You, who have known the trial of exile, the anguish of the roofless, the painful distress of the refugees, come with your relief for everyone!

Be the solace and the strength of the oppressed!

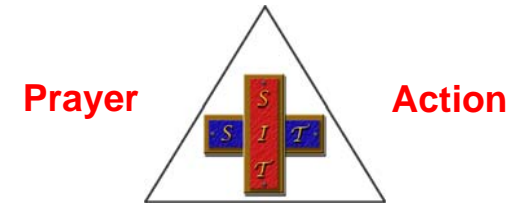
Grant to all the persecutors the light to re-establish justice and to make up for their crimes.

Let the Christians understand that they are called to be united and to pray for the persecuted.

O tender and merciful Mother, bring the antidote of all the sufferings, unite all the peoples in charity and social justice; guide us to the eternal kingdom of Peace! Amen

Bruno Leroy

Trinitarian International Solidarity



To free today for a free world tomorrow

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Dear friends and collaborators,

All of us are informed about the situations of persecution and oppression that are being re-awakened in the world, mainly during these last times.

As children of Saint John de Matha and disciples of Jesus Christ, who came into the world to save all men and who lives his passion once again in those who suffer, we cannot remain insensitive before these persecutions; we cannot limit ourselves to any ordinary apostolate.

What about our charism of liberation?

The **SIT** has been a great intuition and aspiration! It offers a considerable opportunity for today's Trinitarians, with its mission of re-launching the revolutionary strength of the Trinitarian charism. This is a charism aiming entirely at the liberation of the persecuted because of their faith, as well as at the oppressed and marginalized, by proposing liberation together with the strength of the Trinity, solidarity and communion among all men and women.

Those who adhere to the **SIT**, the lay Trinitarians, as well as the Trinitarians themselves, must feel directly questioned before every case or situation of oppression: acting concretely for the liberation of the oppressed and, in their passion for Freedom, fighting against evil, under any form of oppression; this implies:

- * to be informed and formed as one who knows, as an expert in matters of slavery and liberation;
- * to involve others in the same problem;
- * to discover the causes of evil;
- * to propose the most adequate therapy for the destruction of evil at its very root.

All this cannot absolutely be done by single persons. A Trinitarian who acts all alone is not a true Trinitarian, not even a Christian; he may seek himself, his own glory, more than the liberation of others.

To liberate the slaves, fight the oppressed, promote solidarity and communion, we invite the groups of lay Trinitarians and other groups to make experiences of liberation **all together**: to meet at least once a month: to pray and share the word of the Gospel; to get informed about actual cases of oppression; to confront and sensitize one another reciprocally; therefore, **to decide some concrete action in common agreement**, according to the most urgent needs in loco. This work has to be realized with the participation of all, each one committing oneself to it personally, some hours per week.

We are called to become experts in solidarity and communion, involving also our friends in our commitment.

Thank you. If you want to join us, you can forward your request of adhesion and enrolment for a better collaboration with the same cause.

"Helping man to be free and liberator".

Your brother Angelo

Word of the readers ...



To the honour of SIT :

By reading (the bulletin, website), I have become aware of the reality that very many Christians in the world are not free to live their faith openly and would be persecuted if they did. The bulletin explains well the various stands that different governments take against their citizens who believe in Jesus Christ. It is very good for all of us to get very well informed about this unjust situation.

Here, in our country, we want to be tolerant towards different creeds, which can be professed without any fear of persecution.

I think that knowing different religions would be advantageous for all of us, because we do not have all the same history and heritage. By knowing one another better, we can understand and respect the behavior of others. Tolerance, respect and dialogue are born from this. Thus, all together we can go ahead along the way of the truth.

Considering what, with some reasonable adaptations, we live over here in Québec, where we become aware of the Hérouxville norms, after the sad song of the policeman and finally following the visit of veiled Muslim women, we become aware of how much important it is never to shut up the door against those who live and act differently from us.

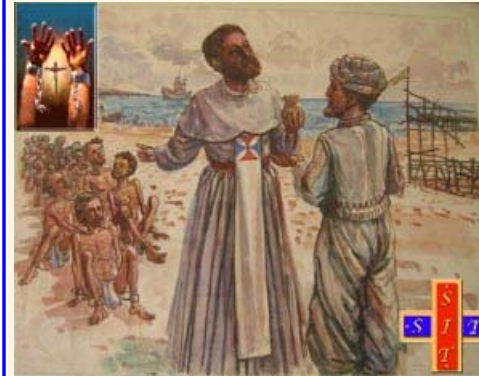
It is important to know one another. The more we know one another, the more we understand ourselves reciprocally and the more our dialogue will become constructive, thus establishing bonds beyond our differences and speaking with one another respectfully.

All this will lead to the birth of common projects for the humanitarian cause of justice and respect, in view of an ever increasing harmony among us. This is the project of God, our Father, for us who trust in Him. This we mean when we say that we want to build and establish his Kingdom down here, on earth, as it will definitely be with Him in eternity.

Here is my brief comment on this theme: Thank you for allowing me to express my thought about it.

Alain Labrie, Québec, Canada
12 Avril 2007

Religious persecution



SUDAN

Slavery is not a thing of the past...

The story of Damare Garang, a Sudanese Christian boy, crucified because of his faith.

A Sudanese slave boy, whose task was that of watching over the camels of his master, was "crucified" after being discovered to participate in a celebration of the Christian

Church. This is what the "Voice of the Martyrs" reports.

The organization for the relief of the Christians persecuted all over the world, reports the narration of some witnesses about the martyrdom of a boy 15 years old.

Damare Garang was hardly seven when some Muslim soldiers attacked his village in Sudan and deported him as a slave to a Muslim family at Tuobon, Bahr el Gazel. Damare, who had been brought up in a Christian family, one day went secretly to be present in a religious function. On his return, his master, who was waiting for him, asked him, "Where have you been?" Not knowing what to answer, the boy said, "In the church". "You have committed two enormous idiocies", the master retorted. "Yesterday you lost one of my camels and today you went to worship with the infidels".

The owner went to take a big table, some rusted nails and a hammer. This is how "Voice of the Martyrs" describes the brutal gesture: The owner nailed Damare to the table before his propriety, hammering the nails through his knees and his feet. Then he moved away tranquilly, while the boy was shouting in his agony.

Today, Damare cannot run, like all other boys. He has forgiven his persecutor, knowing that Jesus also was crucified.

He asks all the boys to pray for the children in Sudan.

"How long will slavery, religious persecution, systematic rape, imposed hunger, ethnic and religious discrimination last?" "When will persons in authority use their power to stop these crimes?" (Simon Aban Deng, a victim of slavery in Sudan)...

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<http://www.liberar.info/phpBB2/viewforum.php?f=5>