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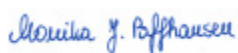
Please inform us of any change of address and of members who have died. Thank you very much!

Every last Monday of a month prayer meetings will be held in Germany. The holy Mass will be celebrated for the living and deceased sisters and brothers of the Marian Blessing Circle. Father Aniceth Mosha ALCP/OSS also includes all daily in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Dear brothers and sisters in the MBC,

In preparation for the Holy Year 2025, Pope Francis has proclaimed the year 2024 as the Year of Prayer: „First and foremost, it is about recovering the desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him“. Let us ask each other for the grace to rediscover the great value of prayer.

By the hand of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is the direct path to Jesus, we remain blessedly and warmly united with you all.



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The cross – source of blessing

Dear members of the Marian Blessing Circle!

The source of blessing is, of course, first and foremost Jesus Christ. His whole life as a man is a blessing for us. God becomes man: that is astonishing. When God comes to man, the Creator to the creature, it can only bring blessing. How good our God is! He always bestows blessings and graces! As a child in Bethlehem and Nazareth, in His public work, when He works miracles or blesses the sick, when He proclaims His Gospel. His suffering and death in particular are a source of blessing. His death redeems us from all sins and opens heaven to us. He gives people salvation and blessing. His death is linked to the cross. For He died on the cross, that mark of shame of the Romans. He suffered the death of the cross like a criminal. And yet, dying, He still gave forgiveness to the thief. „Today you will be with me in paradise.“ (Luke 23:43) „In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins“ (Ephesians 1:7).

Because Jesus died on the cross, the cross has become a symbol of redemption through Christ. And it is the (!) →

hallmark of Christians. We hang crosses in homes and public buildings, around our necks or on rosaries, on the top of towers or mountain peaks. A culture of remembrance! The cross is a sign of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, a sign of victory for the Risen Christ.

Catholic Christians in particular have the custom of the crucifix. Crucifix means: pinned to the cross. By this we mean Jesus nailed to the cross. So our crosses are usually not just the two beams joined together, but crosses with the martyred and nailed Jesus.

My communion cross shows Jesus nailed to the cross. His heart is open. The soldier has opened the side of Jesus. Blood and water flowed out. For the soldier, this was proof that Jesus was dead. The open and overflowing heart of the Crucified One has become a source of blessing for us. „From within him will flow rivers of living water.“ (John 7:38)

It shows a woman standing beneath the Crucified Christ. She is holding up a chalice. Blood and water flow from Jesus' heart wound into this chalice. The woman is not Mary, but the Ecclesia, the Church, i.e. us. The sacrificial love of Christ, his immense blessing, flows into our hearts. And may we not experience this mystery, suspecting and believing, every time we receive Holy Communion? His blessing, His grace, indeed He Himself, the blessing par excellence, comes to me, to us.

The prayer of the day for the Feast of the Sacred Heart summarizes this well: „Almighty God, we venerate the heart of Your beloved Son and praise the great deeds of His love. Grant that we may receive the fullness of grace and life from this source of divine mercy. Amen.“

Jesus is the source of all blessing. The cross is a powerful symbol of this source. When we make the sign of the cross, we look to the source and receive His blessing.

May Almighty God, the + Father and the + Son and the + Holy Spirit, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of God, bless you!

Yours sincerely,
Fr. Msgr. Michael Haupt

Let us pray!

Jesus Christ, now there is no cross in the world without you carrying it.

The cross is in the world before you and after you. You did not bring it into the world. But You have made it a possibility of blessing. From now on, every blessing will be given under the sign of the cross.

(F. Krenzer)

The Pope's prayer intentions

May 2024: Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

June 2024: Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries.

July 2024: Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.

August 2024: Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

September 2024: Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

October 2024: Let us pray that the Church continue to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of coresponsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.