

Prayer for the Success of the 35th General Congregation

The Society of Jesus is preparing for a General Congregation whose objective is to deal with long lasting and important matters which affect the whole body of the Society (cf. Const. 680), especially the election of a new Superior General. Thus we wish to pray to our Lord Jesus Christ:

Lord Jesus Christ, you desire that the Society that bears your name may gather together in your Spirit and may fulfill your will in all its decisions (cf. Acts 15, 28). Through the intercession of the Virgin Mary Mother of God, St. Ignatius and all the Saints and Blessed of the Society of Jesus, we bring you our prayers:

- That the upcoming General Congregation may be a time of listening to your Spirit, we pray: Lord, hear us. *Lord, graciously hear us.*
- That we Jesuits may be renewed in our fidelity to the Holy Father, your Vicar on earth, we pray: Lord, hear us. *Lord, graciously hear us*.
- That you renew in us the strength to make you known among those who have not yet heard of you, we pray: Lord, hear us. *Lord, graciously hear us*
- That we may be guided by a true love for the poor and the little ones and the desire to work for justice and peace among peoples, we pray: Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.
- That we might have the heart of the good Shepherd who seeks and finds the lost, we pray: Lord, hear us. *Lord, graciously hear us*.
- That we may be guided by your wisdom to promote dialogue between our faith and the cultures of today and between peoples of different religions, we pray: Lord, hear us. *Lord*, *graciously hear us*.
- That we may give witness in words and in action to the Gospel of the Lord and learn how to help the persons around us in their search for God, we pray:

 Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.
- That you will bless all our friends and benefactors, we pray: Lord, hear us. *Lord*, *graciously hear us*.

Let us pray:

Lord, in your providence you guided Saint Ignatius to found the Society of Jesus. Enrich it, we pray, with gifts of heart, mind and spirit. Make us all one with you in holiness and love, that we may discern your will and carry it out with constancy and faith. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Praised be Jesus Christ - forever. Amen.