

PRAYING WITH OUR SPC ROLE MODELS  
Celebrating 325 Years of Life and Mission  
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**Theme:** PEACE

**Grace:** Lord Jesus, I beg for the grace of inner peace that I may face any adversity in life with strength, serenity, and perseverance knowing that I can always rely on the power of your love.

**Scripture Text:** “Agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.” 2 Cor 13:11

**POINTS FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION:**

**A. Peace in the life of St. Paul**

Paul was described as a zealous Pharisee who is “breathing out murderous threats against the disciples of Christ.” (Acts 9:1) He further described himself as someone who “persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it.” (Gal. 1:13) But somehow this formerly violent man who stood by and watched the mob stone Stephen to death, and held their coats while they did so, became an Apostle of Christ who boldly preached “the Gospel of peace.” (Eph. 6:15) For Paul, genuine peace is a gift of the Holy Spirit. It is inner tranquility, even in the midst of great hardships, that comes from our reliance on God who is all-powerful and faithful.

**B. Peace in the life of our Sisters**

**SISTER SAINT GERMAIN BOKBUN KIM (1911 – 1997)**

**Province of Daegu, Korea**

**Sister Saint Germain** was the first Provincial of Daegu after the division of Korea into two Provinces. Through her exemplary leadership, gentleness, and unwavering faith in God, a strong and solid foundation was established in the Province. She had a generous, peaceful, and meek personality. She was a person who never criticized others and one who could keep confidentiality. In Korea, the Sisters referred to her as “mal moodum” which literally means “word grave.” She kept to herself everything that has been confided to her until her grave.

**SISTER JEANNE BERNARD DE MARIE TRINH THI THIEN (1925 – 2013)**

**District of Republic of Central Africa**

**Sister Jeanne Bernard** was always patient with everyone, especially the weakest. She lived concretely the Paschal Mystery; in the face of mistreatment inflicted on her by aggressors, she could still tell them with humor and wisdom: “Please hit me even harder.” She was happy to suffer for Christ. Her life radiated an inner force and serenity coming from the Holy Spirit.

**C. Peace in our life**

1. In 2 Cor 13:11, St Paul exhorts, “Agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.” I sincerely look deep within my heart and ask myself, “Am I at peace with God, myself, and others?”

2. I relive moments in my life when I am truly at peace and I thank the Lord for them. I also take note of areas in my life, in my relationships, and in my ministry where I find no peace. I open them up to the Lord.

3. In what way(s) can I be a channel of God's peace, reconciliation, and charity to my community and in my apostolate?

4. I share with my community my reflections and resolutions.