

PRAYING WITH OUR SPC ROLE MODELS  
Celebrating 325 Years of Life and Mission  
NOVEMBER 2021



**Theme:** DEVOTION

**Grace:** Lord Jesus, I beg for the grace of generosity and spirit of collaboration so that I may give myself fully in devoted service to the Church.

**Scripture Text:** “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.” 1 Cor 12:12

**POINTS FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION:**

**A. Devotion to the Church in the life of St. Paul**

St. Paul has undertaken 4 missionary journeys in order to proclaim Jesus Christ and to establish churches. His deep love for the church kept both his pen and his feet moving. He wrote letters, he labored, and he visited the Christian communities he formed. In his letter to the Galatians, St. Paul compared himself to a mother: “You are my children and I am experiencing the pain of giving birth to you all over again until Christ is formed in you.” (Gal 4:19) St. Paul’s devotion to the church and his love for the communities emanated from his conviction that the church is Christ’s own body. (cf 1 Cor 12:12)

**B. Devotion to the Church in the life of our Sisters**

*Devotion To The Church*

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**C. Devotion to the Church in our life**

1. I bring to prayer St Paul’s image of the Church as the Body of Christ. How does this imagery affect me? What feelings are evoked in me? Why these feelings?
2. How is our personal and communal participation in the building up of the Church in our local context?
3. As a community, are we visibly active in the life and mission of the local Church? How do we relate with the other members of the parish church?
4. Bring the points above into prayer.
5. Share in the community your reflection and come up with a concrete action on how you all can participate and collaborate in the parish church.