



Istituto dei
FRATELLI DELLE SCUOLE CRISTIANE
Segretari per l'Associazione

Dear Lasallians:

In this communication we would like to invite you to remember the "Presence of God" and to pray together.

- 1.- Read and meditate, in an atmosphere of prayer, the prayer that you have below. Be open to the Spirit and open your hearts.
- 2.- Use the prayer (translate it into the most appropriate language) in a group or community and invite them to pray it together. Bring a pencil or pen, too...
- 3.- Individually or as a group, write your own stanza to the prayer. Be creative.
- 4.- Please send us the stanza, in the language of your choice, to share it with other Brothers and lay people in our Lasallian network. Please send it before October 10, 2018.
- 5.- On the 30th of October we will send you all the prayers that we have received. It will be a way to connect through prayer.

Rome, August 15, 2018 Mrs. Heather Ruple Gilson and Brother Paco Chiva
Co-secretaries for the Association.

“The kingdom of heaven is like what happens when someone finds treasure hidden in a field and buries it again. A person like that is happy and goes and sells everything in order to buy that field... Every student of the Scriptures who becomes a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like someone who brings out new and old treasures from the storeroom.”

(Matthew 13, 44.52)



- Thank you, Father,
for the **treasure of FRATERNITY**.
Thank you for loving us brothers and sisters,
because our Lasallian history is woven
together and by association.
Thank you because we need to meet periodically
to read the signs of the times together,
to hear your whispers.

We ask you for the courage
to dare to create community,
beyond the known forms,
where your Spirit will lead us,
where the mission guides us.

- Thank you, Jesus Christ,
for sending us on your **MISSION**.
Thank you for all the children and young people
who expect from us: words of salvation,
unconditional acceptance,
fatherly firmness,
motherly tenderness...

We ask You for the prophetic capacity
to go beyond our borders,
of our assurances,
and continue to touch the hearts of the poor
in need of education,
and that you send us
to evangelize all we meet.

- Thank You, Holy Spirit, for the **LIFE OF FAITH**.
Thank you for putting the thirst for the Absolute
into our lives.
Thank you for **the treasure of spirituality**
that you've already poured into our hearts,
inside every human being.

We ask that we know how to cultivate
the life of faith.
That we dare to share our faith with each other
in community.
And increase our sensitivity to connect
with the spirituality of other religious
denominations.
Give us the creativity to invent prayers and
animate celebrations.

- Thank you, Most Holy Trinity,
for the **treasure of VOCATION**.
What a beautiful gift to consecrate our lives,
Brothers and Partners, in education!
Thank you for making us a sign of dignity
for the lay vocation.
Thank you for spurring us on to make
the Brother vocation evolve.

We ask You, that together with all Lasallians,
may we be salt and light, Good News,
in the midst of injustices
and needs of our world.
We ask that our Association can also be
a gift for the Church, in need of renewal.

- Thank you, Most Holy Trinity,
for the **treasure of belonging**
to such a diverse and international Institute.
Thank you for compelling us to **OPEN OUR MINDS**
and inviting us to be "universal."
Thank you for the richness you give us
in feeling in communion with so many Lasallians
united in so many cultures.

We ask you to help us learn from each other.
Enlighten us to create better programs
of Lasallian formation,
and so that they reach everyone,
encourage and invite more Lasallian Vocations.
Inspire us in creating
paths of Association for Mission,
so that we may all be nourished by the treasure
of our charism.