



PRAYER

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In the name of the Father

Many are the challenges that Pope Francis shows us at this time. Let us unite in a prayer so that his voice from our voice made prayer be accepted and heard by our Good Lord.

We have as a backdrop the axis of Fratelli tutti: the parable of the Good Samaritan.

-Let us pray that Pope Francis' call to political and social leaders from all around the world to "sign a global educational pact for and with the younger generations, involving families, communities, schools and universities, institutions, religions, governments, all of humanity, in forming mature people", be our duty from now onwards.

-Let us pray that, in the face of "the educational catastrophe" "in which approximately ten million children could be forced to leave school due to the economic crisis generated by the coronavirus, increasing an already alarming educational gap, with more than 250 million school-age children excluded from any educational activity" don't find us asleep.

-Let's pray that "we do not expect everything from those who govern us" because it would be "childish" given that "we enjoy a space of co-responsibility capable of initiating and generating new processes and new transformations", in which "we must be an active part in the rehabilitation and support of wounded societies

- Let us pray that "the educational systems around the world have suffered the pandemic both at the school and academic level" are not installed.

Let us pray that the covid 19, "which has made possible to recognize globally that what is in crisis is our way of understanding reality and of relating" will help us make long, short and medium term decisions.

- Let us pray that we do not settle "with simplistic recipes or vain optimisms" and that we work so that "the necessary sanitary measures be accompanied by a new cultural model".

-Let us pray that the particular situation of the crisis that "has increased awareness that a change must be made in the development model does not remain in sterile formulations. It must respect and protect the dignity of the human person and it must start from opportunities that global interdependence offers to the community and to the people, taking care of our common home and protecting peace "

Let us pray that, as part of the "global educational pact", we listen to "the voice of children, adolescents and young people to whom we transmit values and knowledge, to build together a future of justice and peace, a dignified life for each person". That the full participation of girls and young women in education be encouraged ", having" the family as the first and indispensable educator "

Let us pray to "educate and educate ourselves to welcome, opening ourselves to the most vulnerable and marginalized" and "commit ourselves to study to find other ways of understanding the economy, politics, growth and progress, so that they are truly at the service of man and of the entire human family in the perspective of an integral ecology " .

-Let's pray that education helps to say NO.

- to determinism or fatalism that intends to justify indifference.
- To a society that tries to ignore others
- To a world that hides pain, fragility, imperfection, inequality, differences, what does not fit into dominant fashions or styles ...
- To a society that is bothered and disturbed by the suffering of others.
- To consider as "neighbor" only the one "next to us".
- To "closed and violent nationalisms, xenophobic attitudes, contempt and even mistreatment towards those who are different".
- To social and political apathy.

In the face of so much pain, in the face of so much injury, the only way out is to be like the Good Samaritan.

Let us pray that education helps to say YES to a society of men and women "who identify with the vulnerability of others, who reject the creation of a society of exclusion, and act instead as neighbours, lifting up and rehabilitating the fallen for the sake of the common good."

In a time where a functionalist and privatist model prevails that inexorably leads to the "throwaway culture" (FT 188), where it is often perceived that human rights are not the same for all (FT 22), where a culture of confrontation prevails (FT 30), where the temptation to create a culture of walls reappears (FT 27), teaching the word "all" together with the noun "brothers and sisters" from the perspective of the Good Samaritan is a challenge to our way of life.

The Pope reminds us "that great transformations are not built on a desk" and he called for an "architecture" of peace in which the various institutions and people of a society intervene, each according to their own competence, but without excluding anyone . It is the way, he says, to continue "all together, each one as he is, but always looking forward together, towards this

construction of a civilization of harmony, of unity, where there is no place for this virulent pandemic of the throwaway culture".

"How important it is to dream together... By ourselves, we risk seeing mirages, things that are not there. Dreams, on the other hand, are built together". Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all."

A Prayer to the Creator FRATELLI TUTTI

Lord, Father of our human family,
you created all human beings equal in dignity:
pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit
and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter,
dialogue, justice and peace.
Move us to create healthier societies
and a more dignified world,
a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.

May our hearts be open
to all the peoples and nations of the earth.
May we recognize the goodness and beauty
that you have sown in each of us,
and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects,
and shared dreams. Amen.

We ask the mother of God to accompany us. Hail Mary...