



## World Day of the Poor

The second World Day of the Poor on Sunday, November 18, 2018, was placed by Pope Francis under the motto „This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him“.

The SVD-Partner cordially invite you again to participate in the worldwide Prayer Bridge to pray with and for the poor together with people all over the world on this day.

Registrations are now possible under [www.svd-partner.eu](http://www.svd-partner.eu).

All registrations received by 6 p.m. local time by 17 November 2018 will be entered on the website on the world map.

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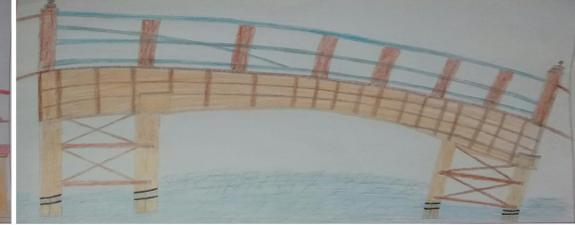
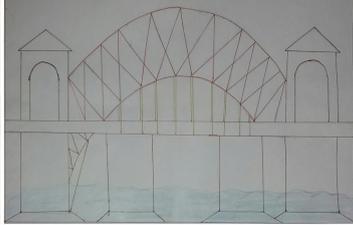
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## One who heard the cries: Julia Greeley

A big hat and a red handcart were the trademarks of Julia Greeley. The people in Denver (USA) already called her „angel of the poor“ during her lifetime. Julia Greeley was neither rich nor beautiful, so none - as we would say today - „Charity Lady“. Born a slave between 1833 and 1845 she already lost her right eye when she was a child as she was struck by a whip that had been meant for her mother. After the American Civil War she worked as a domestic helper for various wealthy white families. Although she was poor herself she helped everyone as best she could. If her money was not enough she had ask for donations. She brought food, clothing or coal to the needy with a red handcart. Knowing that it was embarrassing for white poor to accept black help she went to them at night so that the neighbours would not see it. She was supported by her Christian faith and found strength in prayer. She was a committed member of her parish and of the Third Order of the Franciscans. The „Angel of the Poor“ died in Denver on 7 June 1918. She is still unforgotten and was the first person to be buried in Denver Cathedral in the summer of 2018.

When I first read about Julia Greeley I was particularly impressed by her commitment even though she was not a rich woman and life had marked her. Surely she could have sat back and said that others are better and that they should help. But she did not. She saw the need of the people and helped. She made no distinction between old and young, black and white. A biographer wrote that there were also people who obtained alms from her. Julia Greeley was of the opinion however that it was better to always give than to be too careful and thereby deny help to those in need. Another point that deeply impressed me. Even being alone did not stop her from being there

for people. She proved that even a „one-person society“ as one journalist called her after her death can make a big difference.

Julia Greeley - an extraordinary woman with a big heart worth thinking about.

Maria Wego

## Prayer

Let my ears hear the cries of the poor,  
let my feet carry me to them,  
let my eyes recognize their unsaid need,  
let my heart feel their sorrows,  
let my tongue speak the right words,  
let my hands do whatever it takes for them.  
Let me recognize you in my sisters and brothers.  
That's what I'm asking you, my God!

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