

Displacement due to War and Distress

War, destruction, fear, starvation, desperation – to us in Germany, thankfully is only history, for millions of people it is the cruel present. Power-hungry politicians, excessive economic demands, age-old national territorial claims, some of which are difficult to reconstruct and tribal feuds rule the world and destroy it.

Men, women and children fear for their lives. They are looking for security in escape. They are looking for security and help in other countries. But even there, they often find only rejection.

Almighty Father, give these people, what they need for a peaceful and humane life. Open the heart of the people, so that they help the displaced people with monetary and material help and to welcome them with open arms.

Existential Distress due to Natural Disaster

Bridges collapse because of water floods, houses are inhabitable due to earthquakes or completely destroyed, lava destroys habitat, fire menaces man, flora and fauna.

Uncountable people lost their homes, are at the mercy of natural forces. Nobody knows, when the next earthquake will strike or the rain will stop. Where can wounded people be tended? Where can they find the bare essentials to live? Where can they find support and comfort?

Almighty Father, give these people hope, courage and strength. Send people to them who stand at their side in their distress and help to create a new life.



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.

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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Novena - Prayer of the Faithful



Homelessness

Mary and Joseph were looking for a roof over their head. They needed a safe place to stay for the night and the birth of their child. They found sanctuary in a miserable barn. People didn't help them when they were searching.

Today, thousands are also looking for a roof, from which they can find protection and sanctuary.

Almighty Father, send them people who will help them to find a place to live.

Starvation

Every year in the EU, tonnes of food are destroyed and fresh drinking water is wasted in great quantities.

There are thousands of people who are longing for bread and water. The ground of their fields doesn't bring a harvest. The water is polluted or dried up.

Almighty Father, send helpers to these people who will give them the bread they need and water which gives life.

Diseases

The sick came to Jesus. He put his hand on them and healed their bodies and souls. When I am sick, I go to the doctor and get the medicine and care I need.

Thousands of people all over the world don't have access to medical care and die from diseases which could be healed.

Almighty Father, send those people, who will heal them and a new start by bringing them medical care.

Death in Solitude

At the end of his life, Jesus was alone. While he was on the cross, nobody stood by his side. Nobody took his hand, nobody talked to him, nobody consoled him. His friends turned away from him or were afraid to be next to him.

Today, untold numbers die alone – abandoned from their families and friends. They are alone with their fear and pain.

Almighty Father, give these people strength for their last steps. Stand at their side and comfort them, so that they can die without fear and with the knowledge that there will be a new life in your love.

Desolation and Loneliness

Jesus was almost always surrounded by a crowd of people. That's why he sought from time to time solitude and tranquility. He did this to rest.

Today, many people live in solitude – undesired. They don't have family, children, friends. Nobody is interested in them. Nobody talks with them. Their lives are full of emptiness.

Almighty Father, let these people feel that they are not alone, but that they are sheltered in your hand. Be their friend and family.



To Suffer under Crime and Injustice

Crimes everywhere. Murder, human trafficking, as well as land and resources are divided inequitably.

Uncountable people are suffering under these conditions. Their life is accompanied by permanent fear and violence. Hopelessness is spreading. On the other hand, there are the aggressors who cannot find a way out of the spiral of violence. They are victims, too – victims of their own violence and injustice.

Almighty Father, give the victims the strength to stand their ground, and help them to find ways out of their often desperate situation. Give the offenders the courage to end their wrong and brutal acting and to find the way to justice and peace.

Lack of Education

For the most of us, reading and writing are taken for granted. We don't think about it. We don't recognize what great gift it is to read books and newspapers and to write messages. For every child, school is a duty. Many children and teenagers in the western world consider this possibility as an annoying and superfluous evil.

In other countries of the world, children can't go to school, even though it is their biggest wish. Their parents don't have the money, to finance the formation of their children. The children have to work, to help their families. A lack of education also means that these children have a future of poverty in front of them and very often a life in forced labour and prostitution.

Almighty Father, give these children the possibility to gain education – through the help of those for whom education is something self-evident.