



World Day of the Poor

The fourth World Day of the Poor on Sunday, November 15, 2020, was placed by Pope Francis under the motto „Stretch out your hand to the poor“.



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.

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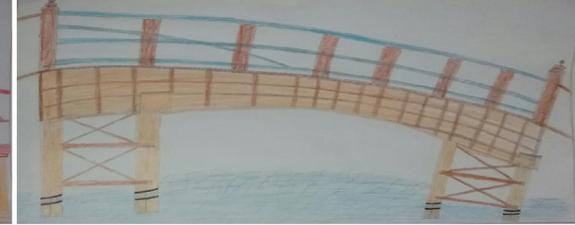
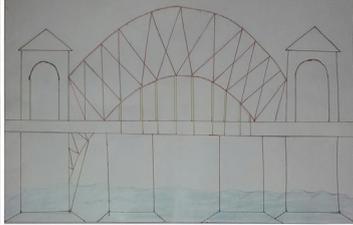
Registrations are now possible under www.svd-partner.eu .

All registrations received by 6 p.m. local time by 14 November 2020 will be entered on the website on the world map.

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Why?

The new classmate had only a plastic bag for his school supplies. His family is poor, said one teacher in a low voice, but so high that everyone heard. All were quiet and pretended not to have seen or heard anything. They were embarrassed. No one spoke to the boy, who always looked down.

Joseph thought about it all afternoon. Finally, in the evening, he went to his father. – “Why are some rich and some poor?” he asked him. – “Because some are hardworking and some are lazy,” his father said. – “But the man in the market works hard,” Joseph said, “yet his clothes are old and worn out.” – “Oh, I don’t know,” his father grumbled, shook his head and continued to read his book.

Joseph then asked his big brother: “Why are some rich and some poor?” – “Because some are thieves and rob the others,” his elder brother said. – “But stealing is not allowed,” Joseph said. – “Oh man, you are naive,” his elder brother said, smiled softly and put the headphones back on.

In the living room Joseph met his mother. “Why are some rich and some poor?” Joseph asked her. – “I don’t know,” replied his mother. – “But there must be a cause,” said Joseph. – “Yes,” she said thoughtfully, “there must be one. Let’s talk about it.”

Then she made tea, put biscuits on the table and they talked for a long time.

The motto of the World Day of the Poor 2020 “Stretch out your hand to the poor” is taken from the book of Jesus Sirach (Sir 7:32). There you can also read “My son, do not deprive the poor of his livelihood” (Sir 4:1) and “Bow your ear to the poor and greet him kindly”. (Sir 4,8).

Why not make a pot of tea, put biscuits on the table and talk to others about the advice of the old wisdom teacher Jesus Sirach. And who knows, maybe you will continue writing the story “Why?” later?

Maria Wego

Prayer

We, the poor and I, stretch out
our hands to You, our God.
Connect them and make them a bridge between us.
Take them and lead us on our paths.
Hold them that we may support each other.
Open them that we may receive and give.
Strengthen them that we may help where we need to.
Put them in Your hand that we may rest with You.
Teach them to bring peace.
Caress them that we may tell of Your love with our deeds.
Bless them that we may act in blessedness.
We ask You, our God:
Stretch out Your hands to us!
Amen.