

Harvesters of Jesus



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The Association of the Harvesters of Jesus was established in order to provide the regular daily spiritual needs of the LITTLE EDEN Society. It is firmly believed that without such support, LITTLE EDEN would wither.

"It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without heart." — Mahatma Gandhi

I regularly reflect on Domitilla (one of the Founders) and her prayer life. Frequently I would watch her at prayer. She would seem at peace whenever she was praying. When my family came to Edenvale, we would attend the same Sunday Mass as Domitilla. Initially Domitilla placed herself towards the back of the church alongside the middle aisle. After some years, she then moved towards the centre of the church. And then still later she proceeded to the 4th row from the front. On reflection I believe she was getting more absorbed in her prayer, closer to God. Some time later I mentioned this to Fr Leathem, the Parish priest. He said that he had also noticed this, but from the altar. Domitilla being drawn ever closer to God.

"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you." — St. Augustine

Domitilla certainly worked; she was mostly occupied working. LITTLE EDEN is one of the fruits of that work. She put in a major effort to ensure the family kept together, prayed together.... Very early on in her life she would visit the sick, the elderly, also prisoners.

I suggest that most times we work and pray little. From Domitilla's example I have seen the consequences of her prayer. She has prayed for other's intentions and they have been granted.

Many of us question if our prayers are being heard. Some question the value of their prayer. It all counts – the short ones, the long ones, the ones including distractions....

The largest rivers start with a single drop of water as it journeys its way to the sea. Does your prayer-journey have potholes?

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Daily prayer for the needs of LITTLE EDEN Society

Jesus, Great Harvester, who desires the salvation of all mankind, accept the offering of my life and work in assisting You to help garner the fields for the harvest. Teach me compassion, understanding and love for those most in need. Bless our Association; strengthen the bonds of love and charity amongst us, so that with hearts united we may say "Thy kingdom come". Mary, comfort of the afflicted, pray for us.