



PRAYER LETTER SEPTEMBER 2026

A World Day of Prayer for Diakonia

"I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one." John 17:15

On this World Day of Prayer for Diakonia, we remember that Christian service takes place in the heart of the world, where we encounter pain, suffering, injustice, vulnerability, hope, and possibilities for transformation. Jesus did not ask that his followers be removed from reality, but that they be protected from the evil one so that they may bear witness to God's love through acts of care, justice, solidarity, and commitment to life.

For reflection:

Where, in my daily life, am I called to draw near to those who need care, justice, or solidarity? What fears, indifference, or complacency do I need to entrust to God in order to serve with greater love, courage, and commitment?

May diakonia strengthen communities and people to walk alongside those who face suffering, exclusion, violence, or abandonment, fostering presence, listening, welcome, dignity, participation, and hope. May prayer move us toward the people and realities around us and become a path of peace and a concrete sign of the Kingdom of God.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, protect us from the evil one and guide our steps on the path of peace. Strengthen diaconal action in our communities, so that care, justice, listening, solidarity, and the defense of dignity may reach especially those individuals and groups who face suffering, exclusion, violence, and abandonment.

We intercede for people living in contexts of war, fear, and displacement, and for all people affected by earthquakes, floods, droughts, fires, and other disasters. May they find protection, comfort, shelter, and hope, and may they be able to rebuild their lives with dignity and participation.

Make us instruments of transformation where we live, share our lives, work, study, and serve. Give us courage to recognize injustice, willingness to build paths of solidarity, and sensitivity to walk alongside those who seek to transform their reality. May diakonia be a living expression of your grace and a commitment to life among us. Amen.



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Blessing:

May God give us attentive eyes to recognize those who need care, sensitive hearts to act with mercy, and courage to draw near to those who suffer and to those who struggle for dignity and justice. Inspired by Jesus' question — *"Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?"* — let us go forth as a presence of love, compassion, and commitment. May our lives reveal a diakonia that draws near, listens, cares, promotes dignity, and transforms. May we, without withdrawing from the world, be a presence of hope and signs of God's love wherever life takes place. Thus, may the Triune God bless us. Amen.

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