



PRAYER

**PREPARE YOUR HEARTS WELL,
I BEG YOU, TO RECEIVE THE BABY JESUS IN YOUR SOULS.
PREPARE YOURSELVES IN SUCH A WAY AS TO BRING
TO THE MOTHERHOUSE AND TO THE INSTITUTE
THE GREATEST GRACES OF SANCTIFICATION. (Cfr. Lett. 294)**

Mary teaches us well how prepare our hearts.

May She grant us her virtues to create in us a warm shelter
where we can receive God made Man, all for pure love.
Mother of Christmas and of all the ones, pilgrims in the desert
seeking a place to live with dignity and freedom.

Lady of the migrants, of the poor, of the sick,
of those who are alone and without hope,

Be the bridge between us and your Son;

May you reach us with your embrace that comforts,
consoles and strengthens.

Be our star of Bethlehem and enlighten us
so that we may always follow the path that leads to your Son
and with His Spirit, may we be His instruments wherever we go on mission
so that all may know and love Him.

As you protected the Child in His human frailty,
protect us, the Institute and all the souls entrusted to us.

Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.