

WYD-Prayer



Preparation of WYD 2005

Lord Jesus Christ,
Saviour of the World,
You became man,
to give us a life in abundance.
You promised to remain with us in Your Church
until the end of time.
Then Your Kingdom will come:
a new heaven and earth
full of love, justice and peace.
This is our hope, our foundation.
Thanks be to You.

Lord, we pray:
Bless the young people around the world.
Reveal Yourself to those who are searching for You.
Awake those who do not believe in You.
Strengthen the faith of those who confess You.
Let them continuously set out to You
like the three Wise Men from the East.
Make them architects of a new civilisation of love
and witnesses of hope for the whole world.
Through them be close to those
who suffer from hunger, war and violence.

Inspire by Your Holy Spirit those who are contributing
the preparations of World Youth Day 2005.
Make them serve Your kingdom
with the power of their faith and their love
and let them welcome their brothers and sisters
from all over the world with open hearts.

Lord, You gave us Mary as our mother.
Let Her be our advocate for World Youth Day
so that it becomes a celebration of faith.
Bless Your Church with new strength these days,
so that She can become a credible witness for You.

We ask this through You, our Lord and God,
living in the unity with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
reigning forever and ever. Amen.