



## CELEBRATION OF FOUNDATION DAY

**With gratitude to God, we pray...**

God, you gifted Sister Maria Aloysia with a trusting love for you, so that she would do whatever you asked of her, as she carried out her work of teaching and caring for neglected children.

Give all of us the grace of really listening to you as we respond to the needs of the poor, the disadvantaged and those on the margins of society in our own time.

God, you gifted Sister Maria Ignatia with a deep life of prayer and love and through her led many young women to become close to you as Sisters of Notre Dame.

Help all of us to learn to pray better and develop a special friendship with you.

God, you gave Saint Julie Billiart such a special experience of your loving goodness that she would often exclaim "How good is the good God".

Help us to see your goodness all around us and show gratitude to you for all we have received.

God, you gave Father Bernard Overberg a great belief in the dignity of every human being as an image of yourself, our loving Creator.

Help us to use our unique gifts to live fully human lives and help others realize their gifts in their own lives.

God, you gave Father Theodor Elting a clear vision of how these two women fit into the Church's mission in the religious, social and political conditions of the time.

Help us to understand our mission, our role, in our families, our school, the church and the world today.

**Amen.**