

SOUTH EAST INDIA DELEGATION

OPENING PRAYER – AUGUST 17TH

Dear Father, in the name of Jesus, we pray you to stir up within us the fullness of Your Holy Spirit. Help us to grow in our relationship with the Third Person of Your Holy Trinity and to live in His power and use His gifts.

Lord Jesus, You promised, “The Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you” (John 14:26). Help us to remember that we don’t know everything, and that this is okay, because the Holy Spirit understands it all. Fill us with the Holy Spirit and His understanding of everything that is happening in our lives.

O Holy Spirit, help us to recognize You in the scriptures. Open our minds to understand Your truths, and open our hearts to accept Your truths in faith even before we gain right understanding. Be the gardener of our lives. Nourish the seeds of heaven that you have already placed within us and make it grow so that Your love, Your ways, and Your kingdom will always grow within us and produce good fruit for others.

Help us to recognize our attachments, and then hold our hands as we walk away from the things of the world. Give us the determination and the strength to let go so that we have no other gods before us.

O Holy Spirit, You gave Yourself to the Virgin Mary and she said “yes” to becoming the mother of the Messiah. Help us to say “yes!” to all that You are calling us to do.

O Holy Spirit, we have our own expectations about what we should and should not do. We now surrender to You our ideas, limitations, preferences, and goals. Fill us, Holy Spirit, with all Your supernatural gifts and empower us. We want to go where You lead us. Holy Spirit, send us forth as women of the word, loving without measure, gifted and empowered to make a difference spreading the Good News of God’s forgiving love.

Come, Holy Spirit; renew us. In Jesus’ name, Amen!

Hymn: Be Still and Know- 529

St. Magdalene of Canossa – Pray for us!

St. Josephine Bakhita- Pray for us!
