

**Pray**  
for our congress



FRIENDSHIP, the bond that brings joy!

Called to be sparks at the heart of the world,  
we let ourselves be inhabited by God  
who gives himself to everyone as a friend.

During this month of April, the very  
last before the Congress,

let us pray fervently to God

so he can give us  
the full capacity of  
the meeting

the other by Jesus,  
our Friend.



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# PRAYER FOR THE CONGRESS

*"... To be met by Jesus is the secret to keep alive the flame ...."*  
(Pope Francis)



## FIRST WEEK

Let us pray for the work of the Congress: decisions and orientations for the coming years. Let us ask the grace of the Holy Spirit to enlighten the participants.

God our Father, we come to praise you for your presence on the Asian continent that welcomes Fondacio from all horizons. We give you thanks for the Church in Asia, its pastors and all the people who abandon themselves to you.

We also pray for the ongoing preparations in the Philippines. Bless our brothers in Asia on this long journey of preparation and grant your mercy to your sons and daughters on their way to the Congress. We put the whole organization in your hands and the success of this gathering.

Lord God, you who made Abraham leave his country and kept him safe through his travels, grant to the persons designated for this congress, the same protection on this trip.

We ask you, who reign forever.

Amen



## SECOND WEEK

Let us pray for the work of the Congress: decisions and orientations for the coming years. Let us ask the grace of the Holy Spirit to enlighten the participants.

Holy Spirit, come and enlighten us!

Holy Spirit, come and lead us!

Come and visit us throughout this congress. May all reflections not be those of the flesh but that they may come from the light of the Holy Spirit. We already entrust you with the orientations and decisions that you will inspire us. We place in your hands all those responsible, the new President and his council that we will soon choose. We call upon them the grace of wisdom and the grace of governance that gathers and brings peace.

Send your Spirit of discernment to guide us in this choice.

Come and choose among us the workers for your harvest.

Amen!



The pastoral assembly of Benin in prayer for the congress this Sunday of the branches in Parakou



### THIRD WEEK

Let us pray for Fondacio's network and its partners, that the fruits of the Gospel may gain ground from the generosity of everyone during this congress

All grace comes from you, Lord!

We entrust you Fondacio, its partner network and each donor who accompanies the mission.

May their blessings blossom the mission throughout the world. Touch their hearts and support them.

We entrust their lives and resources to you, so that they may have reasons to bear witness to their commitment by our side through solidarity projects for the challenges of this world that needs them so much.

You are the God of wealth and providence, receive our prayers.

Amen!



### FOURTH WEEK

Let us pray for the FONDACIO movement and its challenges  
For the worldwide outreach of the mission.

God our Father, we thank you for the grace you fill us with by offering ourselves to this Fondacio Community. We want to lead her in reference to your Son Jesus our Friend and Lord. He is the Light of the world. Allow our community to be illuminated by HIM in order to respond to the challenges and issues of the world.

Of all those committed, staff and volunteers, we call for your grace and governance. May all be configured to you to serve you with confidence. Burn in us the desire of Your word and prolong in us Your kingdom of salvation. Make us witnesses of the Gospel.

God our Father, nothing great can be done without truth and faithfulness to your word.

We have come to entrust to you our still fragile bonds of friendship, our difficult relations and the commitments of our missions which weigh under the weight of our limitations. Rather, look at our desire to serve you to immerse ourselves in the grace of true friendship. Dispel our apprehensions and fears to give us the strength to move forward.

That we may enter into your truth to earn the trust of the other and offer trust to the other. Give us to be reconciled and to hope to continue to live the "LIFE" at every moment and the desire to make community together in order to allow the friendship to last.

Give us to be companions in mission for a more humane world.

Amen!



Delegates from Benin and Nigeria