**Mission Day, Prayer**

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We come together this morning from different experiences of what we call God, as he/she is not reducible in one single way of a life experience and culture.

We come together with a similar vision of the world as we experience the stress of a long pandemic, a world at war, violence and division, political turmoil, racial injustice, climate change, and so many other pressing challenges of our world.

We come together with a similar foundational experience of hope and love. We care for those at a disadvantage, and we hold in our heart the desire to recognize all that we need to be completed and long to be integrated in our communities of belonging.

We come together to realize our unity as we experience the same call to educate each other on our differences. Mission day is Unity Day in the diverse universe of our community:

So, I summon the Holy Spirit upon us to receive the vision of the Kin-dom of God, the gift of forgiveness, and new life.

May God grant us the stirring of the Spirit

so that we may proclaim God’s love

and transform our relationships.

May the Spirit make us wise.

So, we can discern between good and convenient, and between good and better.

May the Spirit guide us.

Especially when we are confused and tired, overworked or distracted by our fears.

May the Spirit strengthen us

so that we may be strong in the faith,

outspoken against all acts and structures of injustice

courageous in witnessing hope, and perseverant in good deeds.

*Holy Spirit makes us feel uncomfortable, so we can unlearn some old ways of thinking or behaving that don’t give life.*

*Holy Spirit makes us feel uncomfortable so we can uncover our ungodly character trait that you want to transform.*

*Holy Spirit makes us feel uncomfortable so we can raise our sights beyond ourselves to see others in need.*

*Holy Spirit makes us feel uncomfortable, so we accept to become someone capable of much greater responsibility.*

*Holy Spirit makes us feel uncomfortable, so we can accept the invitation to be an effective agent in building your kin-dom.*

*Holy Spirit makes us feel uncomfortable when we are not speaking true, when we just contribute to the ocean of words without meaning or critical position.*

*Holy Spirit chooses us and makes us feel finally comfortable in doing your mission.*

*Amen*