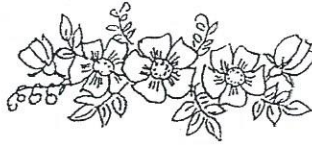


*Give thanks to the Lord
and proclaim His greatness. Psalm 105:1*



November 2016

Dear Friends,

As we look back over the last months our hearts are full of thanksgiving to the Lord. In spite of the extreme weather - spring drought and fires and then heavy rains during the summer, we were able to welcome visitors from far and near to the Prayer Garden here at Canaan. As last year the last group to come were two classes of first graders from the local Christian school. They are so precious and they are the future generation of disciples following our Lord Jesus. He is their Good Shepherd and He will lead them faithfully.

The fall retreat in Orleans, with the theme ***“Thy Kingdom Come”*** was a blessing for many. As Mother Basilea shared in her autobiography:

***Can there be a more glorious purpose in life than to live for the
dawning of Jesus’ kingdom wherever God has placed us?***

One guest shared that she had found courage to go forward with the Lord. Another was relieved to have been freed from a burden she had been carrying for many years. Many took the opportunity to take home some of the new editions or new publications which were available at the book table. Perhaps you are also interested in ordering these titles for yourself or as Christmas gifts. They are marked on the enclosed book brochure.

Next year, one of our sisters from the Arizona branch will be joining us to lead the retreat. The theme will ***“Our eyes are upon You, Lord.”*** The dates are September 28 - October 1, 2017. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a special time of retreat: return to your families and friends, renewed and refreshed from a time apart in the presence of the Lord.

As we enter this coming Advent and Christmas season let us continue to proclaim this most wonderful message “Peace on earth and sin forgiven.” Jesus came as the Prince of peace to conquer the kingdom of darkness. ***“Your Kingdom come, Your will be done”*** is our prayer as we fully trust the Lord who will never leave or forsake us.

Remembering you and your families in prayer and sending you our warmest greetings in His love and fellowship, *the Sisters of Mary*