

**Day Seven: 'The poor are God's true courtiers, his favorites'**

As missionary disciples we are to follow Jesus and his example of closeness to the poor. Pauline wrote: 'Following our Lord Jesus Christ, the poor are God's true courtiers, his favorites'. Pauline's closeness to the poor led her to develop a keen awareness of social injustices, and to fight the roots of these evils. Let us pray to grow in our closeness to those who are poor, and in our commitment to God's Kingdom of justice, mercy, and peace.

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**Day Eight: 'My only treasure is the cross'**

Being a missionary disciple requires humility and courage. At the end of her life, defrauded of all material possessions, Pauline abandoned herself to God's will with extreme confidence, similar to Jesus on the cross. She wrote: 'My only treasure is the Cross'. Let us pray to discover this treasure, and to find humility and courage in mission. Like Jesus shared: 'Whoever wants to be a disciple, let him take up his cross and follow me'.

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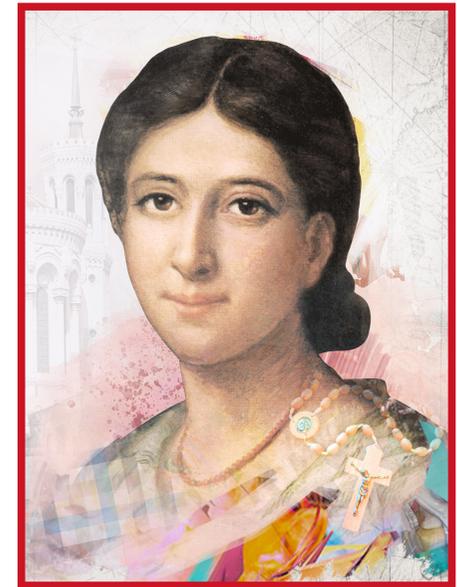
**Day Nine: 'Walk only after Him'**

Pauline's life ended with this precious advice to today's missionary disciples: 'Walk only after Him, putting your feet in the footsteps of his own, and you will see that he who follows Jesus does not walk in darkness. Christ is the way, the truth and the life'. Throughout her life Pauline walked in the light of the Gospel, and allowed herself to be led by the Spirit. Her advice to us is precious: 'Let Jesus and the Spirit lead you, and in all the circumstances of your life be committed to the service of the Kingdom'. Let us pray...

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Pauline Jaricot was born in 1799, during the French Revolution. Her life was to become a testament to the power of lay people in our Church. She believed that if we all dedicate ourselves to praying a little and giving a little, we can help share God's love throughout the world. Venerable Pauline Jaricot is one of Missio's founders – having created the Association for the Propagation of the Faith in 1822. She is to be beatified on 22 May 2022 in her hometown of Lyon, France.

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To be missionary disciples, engaged in the world, let us reflect on episodes from Pauline Jaricot's life: a life anchored in Jesus Christ through prayer, fraternity, and universal love!

### **Day One: 'Love without measure'**

To respect ourselves is to respect our profound nature of being made to love. At a very young age, Pauline Jaricot discovered that her heart was made to love. She listened to this source in her and heard: 'Come to the Father!' In these nine days of prayer, let us return to the Father and rediscover our purpose and our life as missionary disciples made to love. Let us be challenged by Pauline and her words: 'To be able to love without measure, without remorse, without interruption, without fear; this is what I was looking for'.

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### **Day Two: 'Stay with me'**

Carrying out her mission during a turbulent era was difficult, so Jesus revealed this truth to Pauline: 'Stay with me in the depths of your heart'. True contemplative prayer urges us to meet our sisters and brothers with divine love in our hearts. Our mission as disciples can present great challenges, but we find encouragement in the words of Pauline: 'What could a soul constantly united to Jesus *not* be able to do!'

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### **Day Three: 'My struggles transformed into ardent charity'**

Pauline showed deep concern for the needs within her local community, and wanted to help poor communities in mission countries. She established a work with inspiration from heaven: the Propagation of the Faith. Every missionary disciple cares about the needs of their loved ones and of the whole human family. This is the love that God places in our hearts, a fraternal and universal charity. Let us pray to develop such charity.

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### **Day Four: 'Prayer is the kingdom of God within us'**

For many years, Pauline was passionate about many successful charitable ventures. But serious illness at the age of 35 curtailed her ability to work. Such an impact affected her mental health but through prayer and the Eucharist, Pauline discovered a new spiritual fruitfulness. She would build God's kingdom with prayer and encourage others to join her in this mission. Let us pray...

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### **Day Five: 'Let us pray with confidence'**

Pauline understood that through prayer the humanly impossible becomes possible with God. She founded the Living Rosary, convinced that only prayer helps us to keep the faith and spread it throughout the world. Pauline tells us again today, in the face of the challenges of universal mission: 'Let us always pray, let us pray with confidence, let us pray without getting tired... Let us pray and seek the Kingdom first'.

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### **Day Six: 'I am sending you too'**

Every missionary disciple walks in the footsteps of Jesus. Pauline developed the spirituality of the laity; not in founding a Religious community, but a Marian association of women at the service of the poor. Pauline invites us to value the vocation of each baptised person. God's plan for Pauline was to follow Christ step-by-step: 'As the Father sent me, so I am sending you too!' Let us pray that we, baptised and sent, fulfill our calling as missionary disciples.

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