



PRESIDENT
Jesuit Conference of South Asia

To,

All Jesuits of the Conference of South Asia

29th May 2020

Pentecost Prayer Vigil on 30 May (Saturday), 2020

Dear Friends in the Lord,
Peace of Christ!

You might have already received a communication from the Rev. Dr. James Hanvey SJ, the Secretary of Faith at the SJ, (Ref. Letter for Pentecost Vigil Network Event dated 19 May 2020 sent on 23 May) introducing a Pentecost Prayer Vigil organised by an international group of Jesuits and lay companions in collaboration with Secretariat for Faith. The idea behind is to pray and reflect together as Ignatian family on the gift of the Holy Spirit, especially in the context of COVID-19.

What is envisaged is that in three different time zones of the world, people from over 100 countries would have a digital vigil (through the social media of the SJ) during the eve of Pentecost, on the evening/night of Saturday 30th, May. This for us would mean 5.30 pm. I suggest that those of us who have access to the social media pages of the SJ, join the half an hour worldwide digital prayer to the Holy Spirit at 5.30 pm on 30th Saturday.

I also propose that as part of this unity, in all our Communities in the Conference of South Asia, on 30th itself, we all have **a half an hour of prayer possibly from 7.30 to 8 pm**. Meanwhile, I am sending a short prayer service along with a special prayer to the HOLY SPIRIT prepared for the Conference that could be used in that community prayer. The Communication team of JCSA has prepared a video in this regard, which could also be used during prayer

During this special prayer, united with the Universe in Spirit let us remember specially those affected by COVID-19, the CORONA Warriors, especially the Migrants and the battered citizens of our country for whom we Jesuits and Collaborators in S. Asia have re-committed ourselves to. This is also a time to experience our togetherness as Jesuits, Companions and Collaborators united in the Spirit. **Come Holy Spirit, renew the Face of the Universe.**

With warm regards,

Fr George Pattery, S.J.

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