

# Prayer for Chapter

*God of All Life and Goodness*

Through your tender mercy  
may our preparation for the chapter, and the chapter itself  
be experiences of grace  
for all in our Institute.

Today, and over days to come,  
keep us so attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor  
that our responses to them  
will beat with your own merciful heart.

Strengthen us with gifts of your Spirit:  
*faith and freedom,*  
to imagine new possibilities for our Institute as an agent of your mercy;  
*respect and mutuality,*  
to mature our communion of life;  
*humility,*  
to own the truth of our dependence on your mercy  
and the integrity of each other;  
*wisdom,*  
to hear your soft-spoken word;  
*insight,*  
to see through obscurity;  
*trust,*  
to accept that your ways  
are not always ours;  
*confidence,*  
to speak carefully and with conviction;  
*gratitude,*  
to remember and to celebrate  
the bounty of your loving kindness.

*In companionship with Venerable Catherine McAuley,  
we make this prayer through Jesus who  
constantly reveals  
your mercy to us. Amen*



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*Through the tender  
mercy of our God...*

