

Prayer inspired by the Message for the World Fisheries of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development

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« CAST THE NET » (Jn 21:6)

O God the Father, Creator of the universe, we thank You because with immense trust You call us to cooperate in Your plan through work. Protect the fishing communities, which in many parts of the world suffer from economic problems and unfair competition that threaten the survival of the trade, especially family fishing vessels.

O Risen Jesus, even today you exhort fishermen to cast their nets, with deep respect for the bounty of creation, hoping in Your Word. Make us recognize that their nightly work is a renewed act of trust, which helps us understand the value of faith.

O Holy Spirit, who hovers over the waters, enlighten and strengthen fishermen, sentinels of delicate balances, and possible pioneers of integral ecology. Console them in their strenuous, wearisome and often socially unrecognized activity.

O Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of the Sea, watch over the fishermen, guardians of the sea. Help them to build the Church, uniting faith and work every day, offering on their boats beautiful testimonies of interreligious dialogue and coexistence among peoples.

O Mother of the Church, pray for them, that with intelligence and freedom they may care for this humanity, helping the Church not to tire in casting her nets, to make of humanity a family of brothers and sisters; of earth, sky, and sea a new creation.

Amen. Alleluia!