

Prayer Path to Europe Day on May 9th, (Easter) Week 3; 11.-17.04.2020

“We say Yes to a Europe of unity in diversity, without egoism and separation.”

Unity and diversity are equally important, and it is necessary to keep them in good balance. We strongly affirm this unity in diversity in Europe and support this federal organism. Therefore, with respect and appreciation we deal with different backgrounds and perspectives. In *Together for Europe* the charisms work together for unity in diversity. This serves the unity of the people of God and the unity of Europe as such.

We acknowledge the fears in Europe, also the fear about anything that seems strange about others. We want to take these fears seriously and we get engaged against new ways of separation and national egoism as well. We want to support proper ways of establishing identity, since they lead to unity in reconciled diversity.” (Together for Europe 2016)

Word of the Gospel: 1. Peter 2, 21-24

“For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. 22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. 23 When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. 24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”

Many people in Europe expect healing. They do suffer from many things: Some lack necessary issues of life, like housing, food, social security. Others strongly wish to be accepted and long for sense of life. Our society seems to divide up into egoisms, loss of values and human dignity. If this occurs life becomes senseless. Therefore, many people are endangered not to get into contact with themselves and lose their own identity in the digitalized world.

During this week, the crucified and risen Lord promises peace. Empathy for us, our worthiness and our dignity derive from Him. Just as the disciples during Easter-time we suffer from anxiety and fear and we are helpless facing the challenges of human suffering in the countries of Europe and all other continents. This week we are invited to hold up our own wounds and the wounds of our society to the Lord. He surely can heal them and send us as messengers and witnesses of his love!

Prayer:

Jesus Christ, savior and redeemer, have mercy on us and the whole world.
Remember Your chosen people and scrape together what is separated.
Amen.

Song or prayer:

Father, make us one, that the world may know Thou have sent the Son. Father,
make us one.

Intercession:

During this week we especially pray for these European countries:

Azerbaijan

Germany

Ireland

Latvia

Monaco

Poland

Switzerland

Turkey