

Prayer Path to Europe Day on May 9th, Week 6 02.05.- 09.05.2020

“We say Yes to a Europe of the together of the generations”

We want the generations in Europe working and living together. By doing this, positive experiences and courageous innovations are connected.”

(Together for Europe 2016)

Word of the Gospel: Joel 2,28 - 32

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit. And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.”

“Generation Europe” was the title in “Die Zeit” (“Die Zeit”, March 4th, 2016). Here, young people were asked what Europe actually means to them. It became clear: For these young people, Europe appears to be a promise of possibilities, of freedom. Moreover, they regard Europe as the idea that through peace reconciliation can really be achieved. Despite this positive view, this does not exclude that they have a realistic view of Europe, too: high youth unemployment in some countries, the painful combination of social background and lack of possibilities to achieve a proper education and the slow energy revolution are on top of their agenda.

Thus, a Europe of all generations listens to these voices, these dreams. And it listens to the misery of the following generation, when they are taking their voices to the streets for the protection of Europe against nationalist attitudes and positions, as well as for everyone’s freedom and for the conservation of creation. “Young men see visions”, the “old men have dreams” - and these dreams of the “Europe as a project of peace” find an expression in the freedom of the following generations.

In the end “Generation Europe” includes all generations, as soon as they can maintain listening to each other, commonly struggling for freedom and justice and reaching out for common welfare. Only by this interaction destructive demons of the presence can be rejected. This is a task for all generations, that feel obligated to the “project of peace”.

Prayer:

God of history, during times of insurance which are characterized by hostility towards foreigners and populism, we may live up to being “Together for Europe”. We ask for Your power and Your blessing, so that we all can represent ways of peace and reconciliation, which bring forth community and let diversity be acknowledged as richness.

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:

France

Kazakhstan

Luxembourg

Iceland

North Macedonia

Russia

Vatican City