



## Year of Jean Gailhac

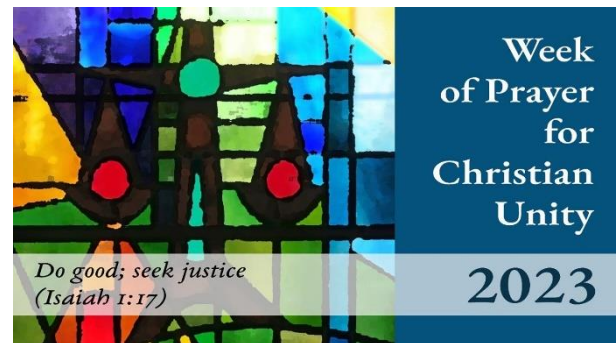
TO BELONG TO GOD! "TO LIVE IN GOD, OF GOD AND FOR GOD!"

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### Venerable Jean Gailhac Celebration of the entrance into Full Life

In the northern hemisphere the traditional period for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is January 18-25. Today is the last day of this week, the day we celebrate the Conversion of St. Paul.



#### Jean Gailhac tells us

*"UNITY makes strength and beauty. Everything that is not united has no strength and no beauty... Inner unity is this, the charity that God pours into hearts by the Holy Spirit. It is this sacred fire that Jesus Christ came to bring to earth and that He wishes to see reign in all hearts, so that, fused in this fire of love, they may make one in charity.*

GS/8/VIII/81/A

#### Hymn - *Segredo de Viver* - Letra e Música: M. Céu Quinteiro, rscm

Eu nunca sou eu só  
Nós somos Corpo em Comunhão  
E percorremos juntas/os  
O caminho de Teu Pão  
Reforça em nós, Senhor  
Em ondas de Harmonia  
Os laços de Aliança  
No Coração de Maria

#### Prayer

God, you are the source of our wisdom.  
We ask you for wisdom and courage to practice justice and charity.  
We ask for wisdom and courage to grow in the unity of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who, with you and the Holy Spirit, reign now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Let us contemplate the Conversion of St. Paul and seek to internalize our call to “live in God, of God, and for God”**

**A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles** (9, 3-6.8.12.17.19-20)

- N - In those days ... Saul, on his journey, as he was nearing Damascus, a light from the sky suddenly flashed around him.  
He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him:
- JC - “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?”
- S - “Who are you, Sir?”
- JC - “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.  
Now get up and go into the city and you will be told what you must do.”
- N - Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing.  
In a vision, Saul has seen a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him, that he may regain his sight.  
Ananias went and entered the house; laying his hands on him, he said:
- An - “Saul, my brother, the Lord has sent me,  
Jesus who appeared to you on the way by which you came,  
that you may regain your sight and be filled with the holy Spirit”.
- N - Immediately things like scales fell from his eyes and he regained his sight.  
He got up and was baptized and when he had eaten, he recovered his strength.  
Saul stayed some days with the disciples in Damascus  
and he began at once to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

**Hymn - Bless the Lord, my soul** - Taizé

Bless the Lord, my soul,  
and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul,  
Who leads me into life.

**Prayer of Jean Gailhac**

*May God continue to grant me in abundance his mercy so that I may be a good priest, that he may erase my faults and I may have the happiness to die a holy priest. I promised God to be all His, to live only to love Him and to make everyone love Him.*

GS/7/X/78/C

**The death of the Holy Priest**



As Gailhac's life was drawing to a close, his "spiritual friend," Abbé Jean, wrote him words of consolation and peace:

*Your whole life has been consecrated to God's service. When you gave yourself to the good God, it was agreed that you would give yourself entirely on condition that God would make you a saint and let you work at forming holy people. You have kept your promise. God will keep His.*

*I know your soul as well and better than you and that is why I have the right to say to you again: “Pax Christi!”*

*You know that the good God has made our hearts and souls inseparable, that I am always united with you, that it is the divine Master who confided your soul to my care. It is then with all His authority that I say to you: remain in peace. You are His friend. He watches over you and over the works He has confided to you... Remain confident and abandoned.*

*Abbé Jean*

*On Thursday, January 23, 1890, M. St. Felix asked Father Gailhac if he had a "little word" that she could pass on to the Institute.*

*"Yes", Gailhac said at once,  
"Union... union, charity... All, all, always."*

*When Father Gailhac died, a clamor arose in the town of Béziers that could be heard everywhere:*

*"The holy priest! The holy priest is dead!"*

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**Hymn - Ubi caritas** - Taizé

Ubi caritas et amor,  
Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.



**The "Holy Priest", Jean Gailhac, tells us TODAY and ALWAYS:**

- *To make God known and loved, one must be filled with God, nourished by God, which can only be achieved in prayer... May your life be all in union with God. Live in God, of God, and for God.* GS/21/IX/76/A
- *God's will is that we all be saints. How can we do God's Work without holiness? Only saints make saints!* GS/14/II/86/A
- *Be of God like Jesus Christ and nothing will cost you. Everything will be easy for you. Jesus Christ will be with you, and in the midst of trials you will taste peace. The hope of possessing heaven will make everything easy for you. When you live with God and from God, you already possess God.* GS/23/III/88/A
- *Live for God, in a constant and boundless love. His infinite goodness will give you the light and grace to know His will and the strength to carry it out.* GS/3/VI/86/A

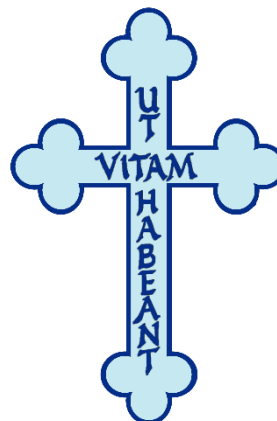
**Silence...**

**Sharing...**

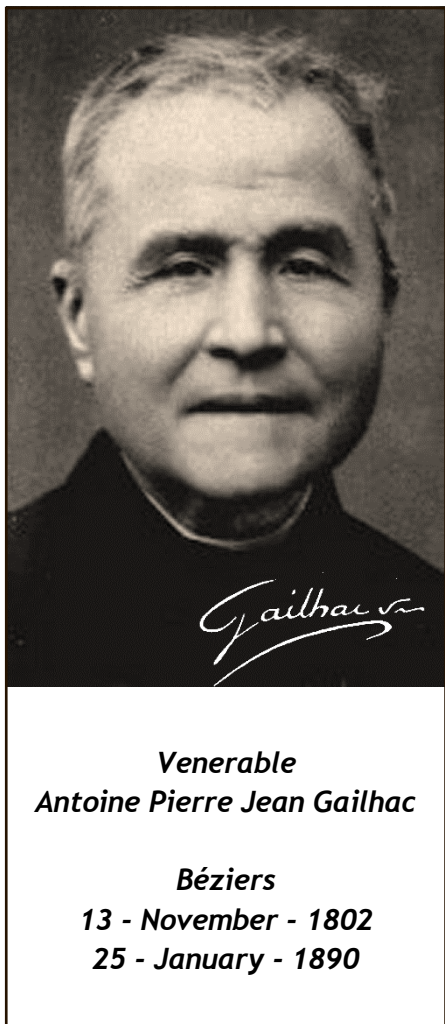
**Hymn - Nada te turbe** - Taizé

Nada te turbe, nada te espante  
Quien a Dios tiene, nada le falta  
Nada te turbe, nada te espante  
Solo Dios basta

**Our Father...**



**PRAYER asking for the BEATIFICATION of the Venerable Jean Gailhac**



Oh God,  
You who find Your glory  
in the merits of Your saints  
and delight Yourself  
when exalting their virtues,  
listen favourably to the prayers we address to You  
in favour of Your faithful Servant  
Father Jean Gailhac,  
Founder of the Religious  
of the Sacred Heart of Mary.

Reminding You of the ardent zeal  
which he testified  
by the salvation of people,  
by such generous charity  
that he exercised in favour of the poor,  
by a love so strong  
that united him to the church  
and by his filial devotion  
to the Sacred Heart of Mary,  
may he be glorified on earth  
and favour us with the grace we ask of You,

**TO LIVE IN GOD, OF GOD AND FOR GOD**

may we be his faithful imitators.  
**Amen.**

**Closing Prayer**

- *To be resurrected is to be transformed, to be one with Jesus Christ and to live only from his life.*

**ALL - Lord, grant us the grace to live transformed, resurrected lives.**

- *The resurrected person is the one who, by the faithfulness to grace, lives in the spirit of Jesus Christ.*

**ALL - Lord, grant us the grace to live in the Spirit of Jesus Christ.**

- *The true resurrected person is the one who sees God in everything... who, in a word, lives only in God, of God, and for God.*

*GS/29/III/83/A*

**ALL - Lord, grant us the grace to live in God, of God, and for God.**

**Amen.**

**Hymn - Laudate Omnes Gentes - Taizé**

Laudate omnes gentes,  
Laudate Dominum.  
Laudate omnes gentes,  
Laudate Dominum.

Sing, praises, all you peoples  
Sing praises to the Lord...

Cantai todos os povos  
Louvai Nosso Senhor...