



Pontifical Council for Social Communications

43rd World Day of Communications

Theme: *"New Technologies, New Relationships:
Promoting a Culture of Respect, Dialogue and Friendship"*

May 24, 2009

Prayers of the Faithful

God, our Father, with trust in your mercy and goodness, we address our prayers and petitions to you.

We pray for the Church, for the community of believers. Let our faith in the Risen Lord renew us in our mission to bring His Word to the ends of the earth.

We pray for Pope Benedict: that the Lord will continue to bless him with strength and wisdom, so that through his journeying and his teaching the Good News of the Gospel will touch the hearts and minds of all people.

We pray for those who work in the Church's mission of communication. May the Lord grant them wisdom and insight so that they may put their knowledge and skills at the service of the proclamation of the Gospel.

We pray for civic and political leaders: that they will seek always to ensure that the means of communication are placed at the service of the good of the human community and that the human dignity and worth of all is respected.

We pray for young people. May they grow in appreciation of the possibilities offered to them by the new media to advance in knowledge and wisdom. Help them to create a culture of respect, dialogue and friendship.

We pray for those who work in the communications industry: that they will be guided by a commitment to truth and a desire to ensure that the blessings of the new technologies will be accessible to all.

Heavenly Father, hear our prayers - our spoken prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts. Grant these and all our needs through Christ, our Lord. Amen.