

Josephite Companions - A New Beginning

Acknowledgement of Country

*We acknowledge the traditional custodians
of the land on which we meet.*

*We pay our respects to the Elders,
Past, Present and Emerging,
recognising their continuing connection
to the land and water ways.*

May we walk hand in hand, gently upon this land.



Introduction

As we gather let us be present in the moment...

Breathe in

remembering the past...

Breathe out

looking forward to the future...

Breathe in...Breathe out.

Scripture

Lamentations 3:22-24

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.

They are new every morning; great is his faithfulness.

I say to myself,

"The LORD is my portion; therefore I will hope in him."

Reflection

(Reflective Music)

What has the Associate movement meant to you?

How do you see the Companion movement in the future?

What are your hopes?



Blessing

- ♥ *Today we celebrate a new development of one of the Josephite Pathways. The Josephite Companion movement is moving forward and developing into a strong and sustainable movement:*

May the movement encourage and embrace all.

Place a candle and bowl of water in the middle of the group

- ♥ *We recognise that we are companions to the Sisters and Affiliates:*
May we remain faithful to our baptismal promise and hear the whispering of God in our Hearts.

Sprinkle the candle.

- ♥ *We recognise those who have gone before us and worked tirelessly in the Josephite name:*

May their foundation hold us strong.

Place a symbol of the past near the candle

- ♥ *We officially recognise the name Josephite Companions as an authentic pathway within the Josephite Family.*

May we stay strong and grow in faith, embracing our commitment to Friendship, Prayer and Service.

We light the candle.

***As we celebrate this new beginning
let us say the Companions' prayer...***

*Companioning Spirit,
Intensify our living of the Josephite charism now
as you inspired St Joseph, St Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods.
Grace us with friendship and hospitality,
as we make community in the ordinariness of our lives.
Grace us with prayerful hearts that listen to your voice
and contemplate your presence in creation.
Grace us with service,
promoting human dignity and love of neighbour.
Strengthen our commitment to live justly, love tenderly and walk humbly,
conscious that we are participating in your mission.
Companion, encourage and enfold us in the fullness of divine Love.*

