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“LET US GO WITH A BURNING HEART”

Pilgrims on earth, we do not realise that Jesus accompanies us.
With His Word He is grafted into our journey,
even when we turn our backs on His truth.

It is the mystery of a presence that does not impose itself,
that leaves us free to choose,
that opens our hearts and minds
to new horizons
and to a new understanding.

His presence warms the heart and illuminates our path.
His presence is revealed
in the sharing of 'daily bread'.

We open the door, we invite the Lord to come into our homes,
into our lives, into us as a couple.

Let us open the door so that Jesus can sit at our table,
sharing our daily bread.

It means opening ourselves to welcome our brother,
to be capable of tenderness, of listening,
of giving help, a glance, a hug.

It means offering bread and wine that can be shared,
in the labours of each day, in the challenges that today's world imposes on us,
in the good fight against injustice, against wars.

To feel in one's heart there is something more in that meeting,
in that gesture, in those words
but not being able to understand, not yet,
too anchored to our fears, to the things we can touch with our hands.

But He is certainty, and He is mystery, He is unfathomable hope,
He is eternal love, when eternity for us is only a word.

His presence is revealed in the fragment of a moment,
in a brief gesture that we are called to grasp,
to grasp if we are capable of being attentive, vigilant.

It is revealed in the loving gaze of our spouse,



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in the outstretched hand of our children,
in the great mystery of life that blossoms,
in the drop of water that falls and widens the wave to the horizon.

It is a moment that can change our lives,
that calls us to leave, to leave everything and go.
He calls us to retrace our steps,
to boldly proclaim His Word.

He calls us to be community in His name,
He pushes us out of our ordinary to become extraordinary.
He calls us to live with a burning heart
in the intimacy of our love as a couple,
in the sharing of our team's journey,
in our communities,
in everyday life, with the people we meet.

Our heart burns with the love of Jesus,
so that the Truth may be proclaimed, may become incarnate,
may be hope for all, may be the light
that still allows us to believe in a new humanity,
especially where the darkness is thickest.
So let us accept the challenge
and let us go with a burning heart to meet the world!

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