



Colin's Song

Jean Claude Colin recalling Mary's revealing of herself to him, and to us. Tune: 'Be Thou my Vision' or Fr 'Aisake Vaisima's melody.

Mary, your vision you spoke to my heart:
"In my Son's Body you must play your part.
Take now my own name, and live in my way
Breathe in my spirit at the dawn of each day.

**Welcome, embrace, wounded humanity
Heal them restore them in the life of the Tree.
Think, feel, and judge now, see, act, and pray
Hidden, Unknown, at the eve of each day.**

Our Father, He chose me to bear His own Son:
Treasuring the Mystery in Nazareth begun.
Take now my own heart, and live in my way:
Pentecost power at the noon of each day.

Mercy, compassion, joy, simplicity,
Courage, hope, wisdom, - humility.
Live now my own life – one heart and mind
I'm your support till the end of all time".

Bernard McKenna SM



The forest of Barbery, near the birthplace of Jean-Claude Colin

Remembering Jean-Claude Colin

A moment
of prayer

Lighting of candles

Candles may be lit beside the statue of the Blessed Virgin and the image of Jean-Claude Colin.

Prayer

God our Father, in the joy of the Spirit we give you thanks for Jean-Claude Colin, our founder. By a gracious choice we have been called to share in that life and mission he strove to implant in the Church. Desiring to live in fidelity to the spirit of Mary and the charism that he left us, we pray for the renewal of 'this little Society' and the conversion of heart that it requires. We pray also for Fr Colin's beatification if that be your will. This we ask through Christ our Lord and the intercession of Mary, our first and perpetual superior. Amen.

Reading [*Acts 1:13-14*]

When they had entered the city, they went up to the upper room where they were staying; that is, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. *The Word of the Lord.*
Thanks be to God

Intercessions

We gather in confident prayer with Jesus who promised always to be in our midst and with Mary, our Mother and perpetual superior. In this spirit let us open our minds and hearts to the Lord.

1. We give thanks for the gracious call we have received to bear the name of Mary, and we ask her guidance as we continue the shaping of our little Society. We pray to the Lord...

2. We pray for confidence, enthusiasm and generosity for our part in the mission of our Church. We pray to the Lord...

3. We remember those who support us in our Marist life. May God's delight be revealed to our benefactors and to all who walk with us on our journey. We pray to the Lord...

4. We hold up to you the young members of our congregation in their years of formation. We pray to for our senior confrères, the aged and frail. Fill all with the spirit of the Gospel and of Mary and give each a true missionary heart. We pray to the Lord...

5. We pray for the leaders of our Society. Give them true wisdom, confidence and strength. We pray to the Lord...

6. We pray in thanks for the great witness of our holy Founders, Jean-Claude Colin, whom we honour this day, Jeanne-Marie Chavoin, Marcellin Champagnat, Françoise Perroton and those whose lives have touched and inspired us. May they rejoice forever in your eternal and loving presence. We pray to the Lord...

Our Father...

May the Lord bless us, keep us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life. Amen

If a meal is to follow...

We thank you God for the gifts of food and drink before us, and for the fellowship to which you call us as members of the Society of Mary. May our sharing in this meal bring memories of our Founder and of lives lived in Marist community. We may this prayer through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.



Prayer for the Beatification of Jean-Claude Colin

Loving God, you inspired Jean-Claude Colin to live a life faithful to the Gospel and in the spirit of Mary.

If it is your will that he be honoured as a saint to the glory of your name, please show us the favour he enjoys in your sight by granting the grace(s) we now ask through his intercession:

This we ask through Christ Our Lord.
Amen