

# Prayer Poems

Poetic Reflections for Sundays and Feastsdays  
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## Covenant of Faith

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*Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. John 20:29*

**Prayer Poem for the Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
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The world is full of Thomas's—doubters.  
People today need proof.  
    Google reigns.  
    Google knows.  
    Check with Google!

New Age boasts of scientific facts  
    and technological know-how!  
New Age also produces weak faith.  
"Show me and maybe I'll believe.  
It might be just a theory!"

## About Sr. Juliemarie McDonald, SND

Sister Juliemarie McDonald joined the Sisters of Notre Dame of Chardon, Ohio in 1951. She holds an MA in English Studies from John Carroll University MA in Scripture from St. Charles Seminary. After 32 years of teaching classes ranging from first grade to college level, she then became a researcher, campus minister, director of religious education and a pastoral minister in Mease Hospital in Dunedin, Florida. In her semi-retirement, Sister Juliemarie writes reflections and faith sharing sessions for the young sisters in formation in Africa, Philippines, Korea, India and the USA. Her spare time is spent as a crafter.



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Have you ever gone to the doctor's for consultation?  
You leave with writer's cramp.  
Signature each page.  
Agree with the privacy policy.  
Take blame for all mishaps.  
It's your risk, not the doctors, or nurses or hospital staffs!

There was a day when contracts required no signatures.  
A simple handshake,  
A word of promise,  
Maybe a cow as co-lateral!  
Simple faith. A belief that one's word could be trusted.

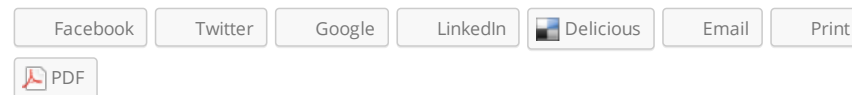
Risk taker, Jairus, one of the elite synagogue officials,  
Poor woman, "If I but touch his clothes." (Mk 5:28a)  
Today with Jairus and the hemorrhaging woman,  
I make this Covenant of Faith.

"I believe though:  
I cannot touch nor see you,  
and often do not understand you, God of Promises,  
I BELIEVE."

### For Reflection and Sharing:

1. How can you give a life-giving touch to those in your community?
2. Why was it a risk for Jairus to turn to Jesus for healing?
3. What must Jesus touch and heal in your life's journey?

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**Anitra** June 29, 2012 at 2:29 pm



What a statement of faith!!! One we have to make/renew every day!!  
Thank you Juliemarie! Love anitra

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**Sr Juliemarie McDonald** July 2, 2012 at 11:26 am



Anita, how true it is – renew each day! Just as it is with other gifts of  
Baptism: hope and charity. May your week be filled with these graces.

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