



# Prayer Poems

Poetic Reflections for Sundays and Feastsdays  
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## He Asks. We Answer.

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“You are witnesses of these things.” (Luke 24:48)

A Prayer Poem by Sister Juliemarie McDonald, SND  
for the Third Sunday of Easter, Cycle B  
April 22, 2012

Emmaus disciples returned to Jerusalem  
troubled,  
startled and  
terrified.

In the midst of the upper room Jesus stood.  
“Peace be with you.”(Luke 24:36b)

Emmaus disciples became  
enlightened,  
incredulously joyful and  
amazed!

Jesus “opened their minds to understand  
the Scriptures.”(Luke 24:45)

## 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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“You are witnesses of these things.”(Luke 24:48)

Then Jesus vanished.

The Scriptures are proclaimed each Sunday  
to Christian disciples.

We, too, are witnesses of the Paschal Mystery.

Are we convinced the Lord calls us to be witness to him?

He asks. We answer.

What is our answer:

Yes, no, or later, Lord?

#### For Reflection and Sharing:

1. Why was Thomas unable to believe the Emmaus witnesses?
2. Why is it important to “walk the talk” if you are to be believed?
3. How will people react to your witnessing if it is not “gentle and respectful?”

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**Gia** April 19, 2012 at 6:22 am



Thank you for sharing this, Julie.....I need to “walk the walk” and be for Him!!  
I am praying to end my fearfulness and take the walk on faith!!

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Peace!!

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**Juliemarie McDonald** April 22, 2012 at 4:37 pm



Gia, if Jesus were responding to you, he would say, "Do not be afraid!"  
Faith is a tough walk, not a walk in the park. Jesus would also say in the Easter time,  
"Peace be to you."

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**Gia** April 24, 2012 at 9:50 am



I believe that...keep me in prayer...thank you!!

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**Mary Ellen Beebe** May 1, 2012 at 8:53 pm



Sister,  
I don't know if you remember me, but I worked with you at Notre Dame in Student  
Affairs. I love reading your poems...Thank you for sharing them.

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**Sr Juliemarie McDonald** May 11, 2012 at 3:04 pm



Are you referring to Notre Dame College? Were you a student then?  
I am glad the poems are meaningful to you. Thank you. Were you the secretary?

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