



DOMINICAN MONTH FOR PEACE

2023

*“Committed to
the Amazon”*





CLOSING DOMINICAN MONTH FOR PEACE 2023

Committed to the Amazonia

Script for the celebration

Introduction

The purpose of this material is to provide guidelines for the celebration of the closing of the Dominican Month for Peace 2023 Committed to the Amazonia. We believe that the month can be closed with the recitation of the joyful mysteries of the Holy Rosary and a procession of five stations, placing at each of them flags of the countries linked to the Amazonia (Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana, French Guyana, Suriname, Brazil, Bolivia and Peru). At each station one joyful mystery of the Rosary is recited, with a biblical passage and a commentary related to one of the challenges of the missions in the Amazonia that have been presented during the Sundays of Advent.

The outline could be something like this:

All participants gather in an appropriate place previously prepared.

INITIAL COMMENTARY

(With these or other words, we start the celebration)

In syntony with the universal Church, the Order of Preachers has decided to celebrate this year the "Dominican Month for Peace 2023, Committed to the Amazonia". We have been contemplating each Sunday of Advent the cries of the Amazon, in the light of the Gospel and the teachings of Pope Francis, and celebrating the gift of the Amazonia to the world, because of its varied riches, and beseeching the Lord to help us face the different challenges in the mission of the Order in these lands.

Today (tonight) we gather to conclude this time of contemplation and effort of conversion in our missionary task. Invoking the intercession of those who initiated and continued this mission, among them Friar Ramón Zubieta y Les OP, Sister Ascensión Nicol y Goñi OP, Friar José Álvarez Fernández OP, "APAKTONE", and others, we begin this celebration by praying the Holy Rosary....

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Greetings from the person who leads...



Invocation to the Holy Spirit.

In the appropriate language, the Holy Spirit is invoked.
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INVITATION

The same person presiding over the celebration or the comentator, explain the steps for the celebration, as organized. At each station, the participants should be given the task of enunciating the mystery, reading the corresponding biblical passage and a short reflection with the corresponding Amazonian challenge. After a silent pause of 5 seconds, a petition is made. Afterwards, the Lord's Prayer, Hail Marys and other prayers are recited. The statue of Santo Domingo de Guzmán could be carried in the procession. Each of the participants could carry a candle decorated with Amazonian elements. Accompany with songs of your choice.

1. FIRST STATION.

FIRST JOYFUL MYSTERY. Biblical passage and commentary related to the first Amazonian challenge: **"The Cry of the Land"**
 Petition.

2. SECOND STATION.

SECOND MYSTERY. Biblical passage and commentary related to the second Amazonian challenge: **"The Cry of the poor"**
 Petition.

3. THIRD STATION.

THIRD MYSTERY. Biblical passage and commentary related to the third Amazonian challenge: **"Cultural Dream: Educational Improvement"**
 Petition.

4. FOURTH STATION.

FOURTH MYSTERY. Biblical passage and commentary related to the fourth Amazonian challenge: **"An Ecclesial Dream" Volunteering"**
 Petition.

5. FIFTH STATION.

FIFTH MYSTERY. Biblical passage and commentary related to the promotion of Justice and Peace in the Amazonia
 Petition.

CONCLUSION

After the procession and the Recitation of the Mysteries, the procession can end with an embrace of fraternity and commitment. An antiphon to St. Dominic (O Spem miram) and the final prayer of the post-synodal apostolic exhortation "Dear Amazonia" are sung or recited.

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