

# Harvesters of Jesus

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The Association of the Harvesters of Jesus was established in order to provide the regular daily spiritual needs of the Little Eden Society. It is firmly believed that without such support, Little Eden would wither.

***“I shall pass through this life but once. Any good therefore that I can do, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it. For I shall never pass this way again” - Etienne de Grellet***

Another year has arrived – laid at our feet like a precious gift from God – each new day waiting to be opened and enjoyed! What we do with the next 365 days ahead, is entirely up to each of us.

Some time ago, one of our residents at Elvira Rota Village did something that made a lasting impression on me. The staff decided to have a raffle for a food hamper to raise funds for Heritage Day. On the day after the winner had been announced, Daniella was very upset and wanted to know why the staff did not let her win. Upon investigation, it appeared that her name was indeed on the list. Apparently, one of Daniella’s favourite staff members had just returned from maternity leave. When Daniella saw the food hamper on display, she indicated that she wanted to buy a ticket for this member of staff so that she could win the hamper *for* her. She felt that because this woman had just had a new baby, she would need extra food and milk. She was so adamant in her intention, that one of the Group Leaders bought her a ticket... Daniella recognised a need in someone’s life and acted upon it with sincerity and love.

Most of us start the New Year with one or more resolutions that we are determined to stick to during the next 12 months – even though they have been known to last for approximately 24 hours! These resolutions usually centre around our *own* lives. In most cases, they are not about enriching someone else’s life or making a difference in the world – and the need out there is great.

We only have one life – one chance to make a lasting difference!  
It involves a choice to make *doing good* a way of life and to steer the focus away from ourselves to the needs of others.  
The time to act is *now*.  
The world needs it.

Hanneli Esterhuysen

## **Daily prayer for the needs of LITTLE EDEN**

Jesus, Great Harvester, who desires the salvation of all mankind, accept the offering of my life and work in assisting You to help garner the fields for the harvest. Teach me compassion, understanding and love for those most in need. Bless our Association; strengthen the bonds of love and charity amongst us, so that with hearts united we may say "Thy kingdom come". Mary, comfort of the afflicted, pray for us.

