

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.

"...May the Lord watch over you and give you peace.." – Numbers 6:22-27

Peacefulness must be one of the most sought after sentiments in life. It certainly is the topic of discussion amongst world leaders across the globe and yet, peace seems to elude us somehow. It is obvious that the world does not and cannot grant us the peace which we so desperately long for; only God can do that. Through prayer we too must be instrumental in bringing about peace.

I have personally found peace in an unlikely place – a Home for persons with intellectual disability, called LITTLE EDEN...

After spending an afternoon with the residents at Elvira Rota Village recently, a young girl caught my attention: she cannot speak, walk or eat without help. Her back is deformed and her movements unco-ordinated. However, as I watched the staff help her with things which she cannot do alone, I realised that she never hurries or worries. Without *ever* speaking, she communicates inner peace.

After watching her beautiful smile for a while, I too, was touched by an inner peace. When we help these special people of ours, or spend a little time with them to show that we care, we are touched with a sense of tender affection that is much deeper than words, thoughts, or emotions.

Though totally dependent on the care workers, her gift is simply to be there with them. The peace this girl shares by her being with others, far outweighs anything she cannot do.

We are privileged to be amongst God's angels of peace at LITTLE EDEN. While the world is constantly and frantically searching for peace, we have the opportunity to experience it every day.

How have I participated in encouraging peace in myself and others

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.

