

# 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.

## **"Life is fragile, handle it with prayer." - Arthur Christopher Benson**

We often hear people say that we must *live each day as if it were our last*. But while this is true, how many of us can honestly say that we *really* live that way?

As long as we don't find ourselves facing an illness or life-threatening situation we tend to carry on about our daily business – full of confidence that tomorrow will be there as usual – forgetting that everything can change in the blink of an eye...

In the last month or two, I was confronted with the fragility of life. A friend lost her long-awaited baby and another two friends were critically injured in a serious car accident. At LITTLE EDEN we cried over the sad loss of a couple of our children; Domitilla Rota Hyams lost her brother Pino Rota very recently after an illness; our staff experience their own losses and trauma on a daily basis.

At LITTLE EDEN, death is part of life. We accept it, we mourn, and we continue to care for those left behind; that is our task. However, I do believe prayer is what keeps us going. We pray *with* the children *for* the LITTLE EDEN intentions every day. There are many individuals who remember LITTLE EDEN in their prayers and without it we would not be able to continue our labour of love.

Life is *fragile* indeed, but prayer gives us the strength, the courage and the motivation to carry on.

Is there someone in your life for whom you are concerned right now? Close your eyes – even if only for a moment - and say a prayer for that person. It may change their life.

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## **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.

