

Prayer for the 36th General Chapter

God our Father, we thank you for the gift of religious life which you have given us through Saint Eugene de Mazenod. You have called us to a missionary life in order to preach the Gospel to the most abandoned: **“Evangelizare pauperibus misit me. Pauperes evangelizantur.”**

At this time of preparation for the General Chapter in the year of the 200 anniversary of our Congregation, we ask you for the grace of finding in your Son, Jesus Christ, the center of our life and of our mission.

We hear the call to a profound personal and communal conversion. Help us to become the salt of the earth and the light of the world, so as to proclaim to today's world the values of your Kingdom through words and deeds.

We beg you, Lord, to send upon us your Spirit to help us to be your Oblates, inflamed with your love, sparing no effort to extend your Kingdom and totally committed to the good of today's poor.

We ask you this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our Mother, and of Saint Eugene de Mazenod.

Amen.