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**Prayer**  
Holy Spirit, You who give life abundantly to your Church, remain with us forever. You dwell in the Church permanently and unfailingly, performing in it without ceasing, giving life and holiness, and establishes the Church infallibly in the truth. Come and fill my heart with love. Amen. (CMR)

**Trailblazers' preparation for World Youth Day 2008**  
**"Let those prepare their hearts who fear the Lord"**  
**(Sir 2:17)**

**11** For week starting March 16, 2008

**Scripture**  
Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us – for it is written, "Cursed be every one who hangs on a tree" – that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. (Gal 3:13-14)

**Reflection**  
The meaning of suffering – of your sufferings – is found in the cross of Jesus the Lord. If we live by the Spirit, we too must suffer. Sometimes the suffering is inside, like when we fight temptation or overcome disordered self-love. Sometimes it comes from the outside, like when we are persecuted or ridiculed for the Name of Jesus.



**Know the Pope**  
Pope Benedict's older brother, Georg, is still alive. He is a priest in Germany. Benedict also had a sister, Maria Ratzinger, who never got married. Fr. Georg's last position before he retired in 1994 was director of the choir of St. Peter's Cathedral in Regensburg; he is now a canon in Regensburg.

**Australia Fact**  
On October 31, 2005 65 cows were killed by a single lightning strike in New South Wales, yes, it's a world record!

**Pope Quote**  
"Do not be afraid to become holy missionaries like St. Frances Xavier who traveled through the Far East proclaiming the Good News until every ounce of his strength was used up, or like St. Therese of the Child Jesus who was a missionary even though she never left the Carmelite convent." (M-7)

**How to use this page**  
1. If possible, take this page to the Church, and pray before the Tabernacle, where Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist.  
2. Start with the "Prayer."  
3. Read each of the squares, and meditate:  
▪ What do these words mean?  
▪ How can these words help me become more like Jesus, the Lord?  
4. Finish with the "Know Yourself" section.  
5. Take notes! If you have good ideas, you can share them, for example, with your youth group.  
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**"Know Yourself"**  
1. Do I really know the lives of the saints, especially the missionary ones? How can I improve?  
2. Do I trust God even in the midst of my sufferings?

**Group Discussion**  
1. Why did the Church name St. Therese a "patron of the missions" if she never left her convent? What relationship is there between a deep prayer life and the mission of the Church?  
2. Discuss why it is that some saints leave everything to become missionaries.

**In which chapter is today's Via?**  
1. Spirit of Truth  
▶ 2. Spirit of Fortitude  
3. Spirit of Love  
4. Spirit of Witness