

## *A Time For Planting*

### *Gathering*

Gracious and loving God, we open our hearts to You — overflowing with gratitude for the many gifts and blessings that you have given to us. Enflame our hearts with the fire of Your love that we may build bonds of relationship and respect among all. May our prayer and ministry continue to weave the story of your great love throughout the neighborhood of the universe and impel us to action that stirs up love in our world. Amen.

### *Readings*

Our biography is simply the history of our relationships with the people, the culture and the world that surrounds us. At one and the same moment, we are created by and are creators of history. This is our collaboration in ongoing creation. —*Mary McGlone, CSJ*

In our world today, we are called to be present in such a way that God is communicated by our acts and by our words...as was Jesus in His day. —*Marcia Allen, CSJ* *Bette Mosslander, CSJ*

### *Reflection*

***Mother St. John Fontbonne and our founding sisters  
courageously responded to their moment in history.  
What are we called to in our time?  
Take a few minutes and share with the person beside you.***

### *Closing*

God of Great Love, show us our place in the world as channels of Your inclusive love. We pray for a vision of Your world as Your love would have it:

- a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry;
- a world where the riches of creation are shared, and we care for our common home;
- a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;
- a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.

***Give us the inspiration, the courage and the grace to build it.***

