

**PRAYER FOR THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE DIOCESE OF FUKUOKA**

Merciful Father,
we thank you for having sustained
the journey of our diocese during these 100 years.
As an ecclesial community in this region,
and with hope placed in the fulfillment of your Kingdom,
we have shared prayer, listened to your Word and,
sustained by the Eucharistic Bread,
we have walked together with the people.
Looking back at our 100 years' journey,
following the example of our mother Mary,
we praise you and express our gratitude
for the gifts received.
Forgive us for not having been able
to respond properly to Jesus' command
to witness and proclaim the Gospel.
Our Father,
confident in your love and guided by your Spirit,
we want to continue bearing the light of the Gospel.
Bless us and guide our journey.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.