

Dorothy Stang Novena: Day 9 – Wednesday, February 12

(Date of Sr. Dorothy Stang's Death)



Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of slander against you because of me. Be glad and rejoice, for your reward is great in heaven. Matthew 5:11

"My heart screams joy. But I need patience as it (reform) can't happen overnight. How to maintain hope has been a challenge. I have to be with these people. If it means my life, I want to give my life." — Sister Dorothy Stang

Dorothy, they did speak lies about you, and persecute you and eventually murder you. They tried to silence you, but through your death, you became the "seed that fell to the ground." And your passion for the earth and love for the poor has sprouted! Your life and work are known worldwide and continue to provide a spotlight on injustice in the rainforest and be an inspiration to many.

Prayer:

We pray for the strength to stand with our sisters and brothers in Brazil through prayer, advocacy and action.

Action:

Ask yourself: "Am I living simply and not taking from the earth more than I need?" Think of one thing you can change that will be gentler on the earth. Sometimes simple changes can go a long way and also inspire others to make similar changes in their own lives.

Here at Notre Dame, we want to make sure we are always taking steps to protect our environment and to respect the earth. This is part of the ongoing mission of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. And each one of us here is very much part of that mission.