

# Prayer of IYCS World Council 2007

Loving God,

We thank you for the many gifts you have given to us  
even though we have done nothing to deserve them.

We thank you especially for the gift of our movement, YCS,  
through which we have come to know more intimately your Son,

Jesus Christ, who revealed you to us,

And who urges us to see ourselves, to see others,

and to see the world with your eyes,

the eyes of those who are poor, suffering, or oppressed.

Oh God of True Peace, we implore you to send us your Holy Spirit,  
and to bless abundantly the forthcoming World Council in Uganda

of the International YCS.

Bless all those involved in its preparation, and those who will participate.

May their privileged encounter with other students from all parts of the world soften  
their hearts, and open them up

to embrace the rich diversity that you have given us as one human family.

And may they, in turn, with the spirit of the Uganda Martyrs

and our Mother Mary,

inspire all of us STUDENTS, humbly and without fear,

to seek fruitful DIALOGUE with those who disagree with us

– even our enemies,

to be open to the Truth, to LEARN, and to accept difference,

to LIVE and celebrate the unity to which you call us,

and to MAKE A DIFFERENCE in our families, our schools,

our communities, and our world,

so that your Kingdom of love, justice, peace and unity will prevail.

Amen