



Pope Francis has appealed to all Christians to be spiritually close to Catholics who live in China, and to pray they may live their faith in full communion with the Holy See.

Speaking during the General Audience in St. Peter's Square, the Pope recalled that on Thursday, May 24th, it is the Feast Day of "Mary Help of Christians", whom – he said - is particularly venerated at the Sanctuary of Sheshan, in Shanghai.

He said this observance invites us to be spiritually close to all Catholic believers who live in China and asked for prayers so that they "may live their faith with generosity and serenity" and "be able to make concrete gestures of fraternity, harmony and reconciliation in full communion with the Successor of Peter".

"Dear disciples of the Lord in China, the Universal Church prays with you and for you, so that even amid difficulties, you may continue to entrust yourselves to God's will" he said.

Pope Francis concluded his appeal saying that Our Lady will never deprive them of Her help and that She will look over them with the love of a mother.