

## PRAYER for YOUNG PEOPLE

Lord, as Salesian Cooperators we are called to walk alongside young people even when they are walking in the wrong direction!

We are called to be present with them, accepting them wherever they are, listening to their story, feeling their hopes and disappointments.

We move at their pace, respecting their dignity and freedom, while doing all we can to help them to find you in their lives.

Lord, help us to trust in the quiet and still times.

May we promote goodness and live in the rhythm of today and always.

May we touch others by our gentleness and friendliness, especially when walking with the young, whether in action or in prayer.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

## GREAT BRITAIN CENTRES

### ENGLAND

**Cornwall** — alternate between Falmouth and Truro

**Cumbria** — Kendal

**Hampshire** — Farnborough and Portsmouth (Alverstoke)

**London** — Rotherhithe and Streatham

**Merseyside** — Huyton and Croxteth

**Oxfordshire** — Cowley and Henley

**Surrey** — Chertsey

### SCOTLAND

**Glasgow** — Easterhouse and Milton

**Renfrewshire** — Paisley

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# ASSOCIATION OF



# SALESIAN COOPERATORS

# GREAT BRITAIN PROVINCE

*Salesian Cooperators: **The Salesian Cooperators are Catholics who are living the gospel message in the spirit of Saint John Bosco while choosing to live in the world.***

Don Bosco began his apostolic work in the Church in 1841 by gathering street children and young workers on Sundays. At the beginning of the industrial revolution in northern Italy, the city of Turin was growing fast. Child labour was common and because of the economic crisis in the agricultural areas of Italy at the time, great numbers of children and young people were leaving the farms to find work in the cities. The children worked six days a week but had Sundays off.

Don Bosco gathered these street children in open spaces for a day of play. He brought them to Church for Mass and a catechism lesson.

To help him with the hundreds of boys who came to him, Don Bosco enlisted the help of many people and a few local priests. Don Bosco knew he would need the help of other committed people of good will to care for the children. He invited people whom he felt had the talent and the desire to minister to young people. His own mother, Mamma Margaret, came to help him.

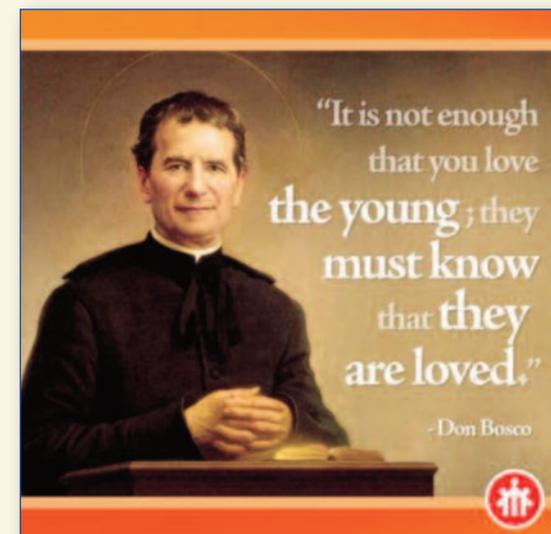
With the help of Pope Pius IX he formed the Association of Salesian Cooperators in 1876. The Cooperators take no vows. They are lay people who live their lives as Don Bosco himself described in the little booklet, Salesian Cooperators, Or A Practical Way Of Leading A Good Life And Being A Good Citizen.

The Salesian Cooperators are single or married lay men and women or diocesan clergy, who dedicate themselves to the welfare of young people, and live guided by Don Bosco's Salesian Spirit.

Generally the Salesian Cooperators are affiliated with a local Salesian school, parish and youth centre. Some of the Cooperators work directly in Salesian ministries while others serve in their parishes or other ministries. Some Cooperators do not work directly with any particular ministry, but bring the Salesian Spirit to their work place, profession and family.

The core of the Salesian Cooperator's commitment is to live his or her life as good Catholic. The Salesian Cooperator embraces a Gospel way of life sharing in the Church's mission to bring Christ to society, especially the young.

If you are interested in more information about the Salesian Cooperators please contact us at:  
[www.salesiancooperators.org.uk](http://www.salesiancooperators.org.uk)



### **COOPERATORS' DAILY PRAYER**

○ God you inserted the power of the Gospel into the world like leaven and called many of us to follow your Son as Salesian Cooperators, with each of us living out that call according to our personal circumstances in life.

Grant that we may be on fire with Saint John Bosco's ardent spirit so, that with Mary, Help of Christians, as our guide and inspiration we may seek to help those in need, especially our young people, and help build a better world.

**AMEN.**