



## KOLPING WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

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**Uganda Kolping Society**

### **THEME**

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*“I will strive to be a human being, to comprehend the noble destiny to which we are born....I will be a witness to the truth and a brother to my fellowmen; I will seek contentment in the thought of having done everything that is in my power and required by my station in life; nothing else will give me true contentment or real peace”.*

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## INTRODUCTION

Uganda Kolping Society (UKS) is a Catholic Social Action Organization, a part of the Kolping International based in Cologne Germany and founded by Fr. Adolph Kolping (Born 1813 and died 1865). It is an Organization which contributes to the reduction of poverty through the promotion of Integral Development of Self-Help Organizations (SHOs) Individuals, Households, Families and Communities in Uganda through integrated self-help activities with the aim of making the world a better place to live in.

UKS was founded on 4<sup>th</sup> December 1977 in **Hoima Catholic Diocese at Munteme Parish** and later registered as a National Organization in 1982 during the International Convention at Innsbruck, Austria. It exists in 17 dioceses with 14,386 members in 535 Kolping Families. The Head Office is located in Hoima City, in the Albertine Region, West of Kampala, the Capital City of Uganda.

The members of Uganda Kolping Society live in 88 out of 134 districts of Uganda. 32% of the Kolping members live in urban areas and 68% in rural areas. The majority of members belong to economically disadvantaged population with inadequate resources and education.

In rural areas, most members are smallholder farmers who depend on agriculture as the main source of livelihood. Smallholder farming is characterised by small fields, low productivity, and production for livelihood, with little cash income, few or no reserves at all, in the event of crisis or for investment.

The mandate of Uganda Kolping Society lies in giving opportunity for better life through improving livelihoods, hard work and self-reliance. The Savings and Credit Scheme enables Kolping members' access affordable credit to sustain businesses. Technical capacity building to farmers and under privileged youth offers knowledge and skills for improved productivity and employment respectively. Provision of quality Agricultural inputs and best agronomic practices leads to better yields for food security, higher household incomes and welfare.

The supreme organ of the UKS is the **National Convention** which convenes once every two years. The **National Protector** represents the Society in the Uganda Episcopal Conference. Every four years the National Convention elects the National Board of Directors.

### UKS Vision, Mission and Values

#### Vision

To be the leading development organization in Uganda, with steadily growing membership, promoting integrated self-help activities, with the aim of making the world a better place to live in.

#### Mission

UKS is a family-like community NGO, working with Communities in Society, Church and State, providing technical support towards self-help and spiritual renewal for integral development, with values embedded in the Christian Social Doctrines, Marriage and Family, and the teaching of Blessed Fr. Adolph Kolping.



## BRIEF BACKGROUND OF UGANDA



*Above: Murchison Falls on River Nile; a top tourist destination in Uganda*

Uganda, located in East Africa, has a rich history shaped by its diverse cultures and colonial influence. Having gained its independence from British rule in 1962, Uganda experienced periods of political instability and violence especially in 1979. However, since 1986, the country has enjoyed relative stability and steady economic progress.

Uganda boasts of a diverse array of touristic features, making it a unique destination for travellers seeking adventure, wildlife encounters, and cultural diversity. The Country is a home to Mountain Gorillas, a variety of national parks and game reserves where visitors can embark on thrilling wildlife safaris. The country also has over 1,000 bird species, Scenic Landscapes among others.

While the country has experienced relative economic growth in recent years, poverty particularly in rural areas, remains widespread.

The Uganda Kolping Society through her various programs has contributed towards poverty alleviation with reasonable success. The Savings & Credit Scheme and efforts for income generation has enabled farmers access affordable Capital for business establishment and sustainability. Stable businesses hinged on environmentally friendly practices have enabled beneficiaries generate higher household incomes for a better standard of living. Vocational training for the under privileged has equipped youths with skills for job creation and employment.

Below are some of the success stories from beneficiaries across the country.



*Through technical guidance and coaching, Kolping members are enabled to start income generating projects.*



*A beneficiary's garden of onions planted in conformity with the Agriculture best practices for increased yield.*



*Above: Trainings on agricultural best practices have enabled Kolping members improve their yields and food security.*





*Shallow wells have enabled Communities access clean and safe water.*



*The underprivileged especially women and children are enabled to access clean water.*



*No economy can succeed without a high quality workforce particularly in the age of globalization and technical change; In Uganda, Vocational training has equipped underprivileged youth with skills for appropriate job placements and employment.*



*Savings and credit scheme has enabled Kolping members to start and sustain their businesses.*

## KOLPING WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024.

### Brief History on Blessed Fr. Adolph Kolping and his journey to Beatification

*The rise of the factory system in 19th-century Germany brought many single men into cities where they faced new challenges to their faith. Father Adolph Kolping began a ministry to them, hoping that they would not be lost.*

*Born in the village of Kerpen a small village not far from Cologne, Adolph Kolping became a shoemaker at an early age because of his family's economic situation. Ordained a priest in 1845, he ministered to young workers in Cologne, establishing a choir, which by 1849 had grown into the Young Workmen's Society the present day Kolping Society. Through his journey, he was driven by his conviction of religion and work as the Golden foundation of mankind.*

In 1862, Father Kolping was placed in charge of the Minorite Church. His devotion to his calling and his determination to serve with respect to craftsmen's Guild as well as human community caused him to oblige his calling and neglect his health, a factor which could have contributed to his early death at the age of 51 due to lung cancer.

Father Adolph Kolping died on December 4, 1865 and was laid to rest in the Minorite Church, a Church he had saved from demolition.

Divine Providence not only called Fr. Kolping to his work but was chosen as a tool from early childhood and bestowed on him gifts of grace that enabled him to help lay the foundation for the work of God and his people. Using the Holy Scripture, Sacraments, Prayer and service to the underprivileged, he drew the strength to create a movement that is to serve God and humanity through his idea of help for self-help. This is a clear reflection of his faith through his engagements.

His legacy to mankind is his life's work, his ideals and goals, but most important, his own example in recognizing his vocation, in making a personal commitment to his calling and carrying it to fulfilment. No obstacles are too great to overcome if we have faith, work hard and are willing to make sacrifices.

During his lifetime, Fr. Adolph Kolping propagated a spirituality that is still alive today. On August 8, 1906 the Archbishop of Vienna, Anton Joseph Cardinal Gruscha, a long time friend and confidant of Kolping, took the first step towards the canonization of Father Kolping. He handed a detailed petition to the Archbishop of Cologne, Cardinal Fischer, for the initiation of the beatification process. The circumstances of the times – both political and religious – did not permit the process to continue. After the Second World War, these efforts were resumed and finally, on January 22, 1991, Pope John Paul II signed the documents for his beatification. The beatification ceremony took place in Rome on October 27, 1991, heartwarming many Christians' hearts for the long time Prayer appropriately answered.

During his visit to Germany in 1980, Pope John Paul II visited Adolph Kolping's tomb in the Minorite Church in Cologne. Referring to the significance of the blessed and the saints in our lives, he said: "We need models like Adolph Kolping in today's Church." These words of the Holy Father express precisely the purpose of the beatification of Adolph Kolping. His heritage still reigns world over with active Kolping Societies in 60 Countries with over 400,000 Kolping members. As Kolping Brothers and Sisters with clear trust that Adolph Kolping is already in the heavenly church we continue to Pray that God may fulfill our desires of his journey to sainthood.

### Significance of the Beatification of Blessed Fr. Adolph Kolping to the Church.

On Sunday, October 27, 1991, Pope John Paul II beatified Fr. Kolping during a Pontifical Mass in St. Peter's Square. The numerous believers including representatives from Uganda who had the opportunity to be among the over 80,000 pilgrims to witness the beatification will never forget this soul moving Holy event. In Rome, everyone felt the spirit of the World Church; experienced the vibrant Community of Christians and the family like Community of the Kolping Society.

Fr. Kolping was raised to the “honour of the altars” as it is stated in the official declaration in the beatification formula. Pope John Paul II declared publicly what had been in the hearts of many already for a long time. The Catholic Church recognises the exemplary life and exceptional work of Fr. Kolping and asks for his intercession because its certain that redeemed by divine grace, Fr. Kolping has already been admitted to the heavenly Church.

In accordance with the Catholic Church norms, the Holy Father is the only one to decide whether or not or in what form a servant of God can be officially venerated in the Church. Pope John Paul II allowed Fr. Kolping to be venerated in places where he lived and worked. In these places all the faithful are invited to ask for the intercession of “Blessed Fr. Kolping”. The Pope allowed the mentioning of Fr. Kolping’s name in the Holy Mass and in the Prayers of canonical hours (*On the Path to Sainthood; 2011 page 9.*)

## HOLY MASS

Brethren, today we come together to commemorate the Beatification of Fr. Kolping, a Priest, a teacher, social reformer and a father of the journey men.

We are invited to walk in the footsteps of Fr. Kolping; to strive for perfection and holiness. Adolph Kolping showed us through his life and suffering, through his faith and his deeds how we can live our lives positively. He recognised that he was created in the image of God he dedicated his life completely to God and humanity. All his life he trusted in God’s grace and mercy.

As we Pray for the Canonisation of Blessed Adolph Kolping we are reminded that miracles happen by Prayer and its the reason why we gather as Kolping brothers and sisters from all over the World to seek for God’s divine intervention to quicken the process for miracles to demonstrate Blessed Fr. Kolping’s charisma of holiness.

## Entrance Hymn

## Greetings

**Priest:** We are gathered here in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen

**Priest:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All:** And with your spirit.

## Penitential Act\*

**Priest:** Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**All:** I confess to Almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;  
Therefore, I ask blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**Priest:** May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All:** Amen

## Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)

## The Gloria

## Collect

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

## The liturgy of the Word

### First Reading:

(Jeremiah 31: 7-9)

*With consolations I will lead them back, among the blind and the lame*

### A reading from the book of Jeremiah

Thus says the Lord: " Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'The LORD has saved his people, the remnant of Israel.'" Behold I will bring the north country, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her who is in travail, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born.

Verbum Domini (The Word of the Lord)

**All:** Thanks be to God

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

**Response: What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.**

When the Lord brought back the exiles of Sion,  
we thought we were dreaming.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter;  
on our tongues, songs of joy. **R**

Then the nations themselves said, "What great deeds  
the Lord worked for them!"  
What great deeds the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed, we were glad. **R**

Bring back our exiles, O Lord, as streams in the south.  
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, bearing seed for the sowing;  
they come back, they come back with a song, bearing their sheaves. **R**

## Second Reading:

(Hebrews 5:1-6)

*"You are a priest for ever; according to the order of Melchizedek*

### **A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.**

Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of people in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this, he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honour upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also, Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high Priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

Verbum Domini (The Word of the Lord)

**All:** Thanks be to God

## Alleluia, alleluia.

Our Saviour Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel.

## Gospel:

Mark 10:46-52

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And with your spirit.

**Priest:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

**All:** Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great multitude, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; rise, he is calling you." And throwing off his cloak he sprang up and came to Jesus. And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Master, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you lord Jesus Christ

## Homily

Dear Kolping brothers and sisters, dear people of God,  
Congratulations upon this day of Kolping world day of Prayer. We are here to thank God for the gift of life, to Pray as a family, to seek for the elevation of Blessed Fr. Adolph Kolping to sainthood. The life and works of Blessed Fr. Adolph Kolping gives us assurance that he deserves a raise to sainthood

Adolph Kolping; a response to the Times! The life of Blessed Adolph Kolping mirrors commitment to seek solutions to the social problems and challenges us to walk in his footsteps and follow suit.

In the first reading, Prophet Jeremiah gives messages of hope to the people who were in difficult times in exile, the blind, the lame, women in Labour. They would come crying but the Prophet would console them by giving them the messages of hope from God; Similarly Blessed Fr. Adolf Kolping gives hope to the youth, women and many people who were touched by his message. During his time Blessed Fr. Adolph Kolping worked under difficult times of civil struggles, unemployment and lack of faith among many people but Blessed Fr. Adolph Kolping strived to make the situation better by giving the journeymen hope. We are aware of the journeymen whom he mobilized and gave hope and power to work.

In the second reading St. Paul to the Hebrews reminds us that a Priest is to offer Prayer and gifts and for sacrifice the remission of sins of God's people. In the same spirit Blessed Fr. Adolph Kolping a priest and Social Reformer was called to serve humanity, he was a gift to the world and sacrificed his life to solve the social problems of his time and beyond. He had love for Christ and mankind throughout his entire life.

The theme "I will strive to be a human being... a witness to the truth, a brother to my fellow men" challenges us to question the status quo! Do we always stand for the truth? Have we cared for our brothers and sisters? Have we worked for the betterment of humanity?

In the gospel, the blind beggar profoundly voiced his concern to Jesus Christ, even when other people were shutting him down. Eventually Jesus heard his plea and healed him. He was able to see. Many times we have been strained by other people's opinion while striving to speak for the truth? We are challenged to stand tall and be seen to work for the betterment of the people.

Adolph Kolping challenges us "The General Welfare of Society is not based on the wealth of individuals but on personal abilities of the vast majority of citizens".

The current social problems are a pain! The rising Poverty levels, power struggles and the endless bipolar wars, migration and environmental degradation among others.

Blessed Fr. Adolph Kolping reminds us "If everybody did his best then the world would soon be better". The readings indeed affirm that our efforts are not in vain. Prophet Jeremiah in the first reading confirms that the Lord will always care for the vulnerable, the blind, the lame, the single mothers and street beggars among others.

Therefore, let everyone affirm to the call of Adolph Kolping that "**I will strive to be a human being ... a witness to the truth, and a brother to my fellow men**".

I ask you to Pray and work for the spiritual growth and the integral development of humanity just as our founder Blessed Fr. Adolph Kolping worked for the dignity of the journeymen and we continue to pray for his sanctification.

#### Profession of faith or creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and became man, (all bow). and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Universal prayer of the faithful

**Main celebrant:** Almighty and Ever lasting God, believing in your love and mercy, we ask you to guide and renew us through the exemplary life of Blessed Father Adolf Kolping and upon his intercession we pray:

1. We pray for Pope Francis and the Bishops as leaders of the Church they may inspire women and men to be missionary disciples in their homes, families and places of work.

**R LORD HEAR US**

2. We pray for our General Praeses Msgr. Christoph Huber and all those who carry responsibility in the Kolping International, guide them to fulfill their responsibilities following in the routes of Blessed Fr. Adolf Kolping

**R LORD HEAR US**

3. For all Kolping members around the world, that they may strive for the truth whole heartedly while following the principles of your faithful servant Blessed Adolf Kolping.

**R LORD HEAR US**

4. For all the Kolping friends who are sick in body and soul, strengthen them with hope, courage and trust.

**R LORD HEAR US**

5. For our deceased Kolping brothers and Sisters in the whole world, let them live in your eternity and see your everlasting light.

**R LORD HEAR US**

**Main celebrant:** God Our Father, fill our inner emptiness with the blessing of your abundance. Let us bring hope where there is despair, love where hatred governs, let us stand up for justice where oppression reigns and bring Joy to those who live in sadness. Where there is conflict, let us bring peace and reconciliation.

For this we pray through Jesus Christ Our lord

Amen

### The Liturgy of the Eucharist

#### Offertory Hymn

**Priest:** Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**All:** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.



### Prayer over the Offerings

**Priest:** Look, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that every action of our service may be directed above all to your glory. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And with your spirit.

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.

**All:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** It is right and just.

**Priest:** **It is truly right and just, our duty and salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks.....”**

### Sanctus hymn

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

#### **Priest:**

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

*He joins his hands and, holding them extended over the offerings, says*

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,  
by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall,

*He joins his hands and makes the Sign of the Cross once over the bread and the chalice together, saying:*

So that they may become for us  
the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**He joins his hands.**

*At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion,*

He took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.**

The mystery of faith.

**All:** We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

**Priest:** Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you. Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, St. Joseph her spouse, Blessed Adolf Kolping, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be co-heirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Priest:** *(Takes the chalice and the paten with the host and raising both, he says):*

**Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and Honor is yours, for ever and ever.**

**All:** Amen

### The Communion Rite

**Priest:** At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**Priest:** Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**All:** For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

**Priest:** Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles, Peace, I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All:** And with your spirit.

### Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) hymn

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All:** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

### Communion hymns

#### Post communion prayer

**Priest** May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray; perfect in us what lies within them, that the things we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. Through Christ our Lord.

## Prayer for the Kolping family

Lord Jesus Christ, you call your Church to proclaim the Gospel message in word and action. We give thanks for your confidence in us and we thank you for Adolph Kolping and his example of discipleship.

Give us the gifts which reflected Adolph Kolping's life and work. Help us to be: faithful to God and confident in ourselves; both earnest and joyful in life; responsible for ourselves and caring in our relationship with one another; aware of our past and committed to our future.

Strengthen our faith so we can face the world and its challenges. Awaken hope in us so we can create joy and happiness through our ministry to others. Deepen our love so we can commit ourselves to the development of the Church and a just society.

Help our Kolping Family be a sign of your coming Kingdom.

Amen

## Prayer for the canonization of Blessed Adolf Kolping

Dear God!

You gave us Blessed Adolph Kolping as an intercessor and a role model. His life found fulfilment in caring for young people in religious and social difficulties.

His concern was to understand work, family and society in the light of our faith. He considered helping one another within the community to be the expression of the Christian love for one's neighbour.

We beseech you: Help us work together in the International Kolping Society to overcome poverty, injustice and hopelessness. Help us to defend human life and protect marriage and family to be the salt of the earth and a light for the world.

Fulfil our hope of being able to honour Adolph Kolping as a Saint throughout the whole Church in all languages and nations. Let us, through faith, hope and love, work towards bringing to perfection Your kingdom in this world.

For this we pray through Christ, our Lord. Amen

## Concluding Rite

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And with your spirit.

**Priest:** May almighty God bless you: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen

**Priest:** Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**All:** Thanks be to God

## Final Song



### Kolping Song

1. There lived a ster - ling jour - ney - man. Whom  
all of us re - vere. His name re-sounds so far and clear.  
Fa-ther Kol-ping we love you! Fa-ther Kol-ping we love you!

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the first verse, with a G chord above the first measure and a D chord above the second measure. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of the first verse, with chords C, A, D, G, G, C, D, G, D above the notes. The third staff contains the melody for the second line of the second verse, with chords G, G, C, G, C, D, G above the notes.

2. A cobbler, going through the world,  
with heart sincere and true.  
/: He made new shoes repaired them too. :/  
/: Father Kolping, we love you! :/
3. The priesthood was his heart's desire. God granted him this grace.  
/: See, what great work he set apace. :/  
/: Father Kolping, we love you! :/
4. A father to his journeymen,  
he wished so much to be.  
/: He took them for his family. :/  
/: Father Kolping, we love you! :/
5. Father Kolping, zealous priest of God,  
Be with your friends today.  
And joining hands, we brothers pray,  
And joining hands, we sisters pray:  
/: Father Kolping, we love you! :/

Text: Kaspar Berens, Melody: traditional

***“Active love heals wounds; mere words only increase the pain”***



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