**Prayer inspired by the Message for World Fisheries Day**

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**of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development**

O God, provident Father, who through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, we thank you for the marvellous gift of the sea and fish, which you offer us for our sustenance.

Protect the fishers who, while in the fishing ground, face threats and intimidation by the skipper and officers, who force them to take endless shifts day and night to catch as many fish as possible, under any weather conditions.

Convert unscrupulous fishing vessels owners who practice illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, human trafficking, slavery, as well as drug and arms smuggling.

Enlighten international organizations, governments, civil societies, different players in the supply chain and NGOs to join forces to stop abuses and violations of human rights at sea.

Help them to work together to create a fishing industry in which the human and labor rights of fishers are guaranteed and supported, a prerequisite for the social and economic development of every country.

Bless the chaplains and the volunteers of the Stella Maris, so that they continue their compassionate mission of welcoming the fishers, recognizing in them the image of your suffering Son Jesus Christ, providing them with spiritual and material support.

Give eternal rest to the countless fishers who died and were buried at the sea, console their families and relatives with the hope of eternal life.

O Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of the Sea, watch over the communities of fishers, keeping them in Your Immaculate Heart. Amen!