

## **Reflection about Lebanon**

One of our Charism Friends, Rima Maalouf, is from Lebanon. When we learned of the death of our dear Sister, Catherine Naccach, who also called Lebanon the land of her birth, it seemed like the perfect opportunity to show how the seeds of God's Word planted in one country have borne fruit, not only in France, but also in Canada, where Catherine lovingly served early on in her life as an Ursuline of Jesus.

Lebanon, a country rich in history, religions and cultural diversity, faces a challenging reality while still hoping for a brighter future. Its rich cultural diversity has been both a source of strength and challenge.

It experienced economic decline, political turmoil and the aftermath of a devastating explosion in Beirut's port in August 2020. These disasters have made life extremely difficult for the Lebanese people, as many struggle with financial hardships, inability to afford food, healthcare or access to their money in the banks.

Nevertheless, the Lebanese people remain determined to overcome these obstacles and build a better future through their belief in God. Lebanese Christians look towards the shrine of Our Lady of Harissa and the statue of Jesus the King as a symbol of protection from harm.

Of course, we cannot deny the help of foreign countries in terms of donations and political support. Through unity and global assistance Lebanon is determined to forge a better tomorrow amidst the tribulations of today. Our prayers, especially those of The Family of the Incarnation, are with Lebanon and the Lebanese people, wishing them peace of mind and a comfortable life, asking God to help them in their ordeal and guiding us to know how we can best support them.