Longing, craving, homesickness – Don’t most people experience this: homesickness for a place, a space where you can feel and be at home, where you’re welcome and feel safe?

“The Bride in the Song of Solomon in the First Testament says:

“Upon my bed at night I sought him whom my soul loves; I sought him, but found him not. ‘I will rise now and go about the city, in the streets and in the squares; I will seek him whom my soul loves.’ I sought him, but found him not. The sentinels found me, as they went about in the city. ‘Have you seen him whom my soul loves?’ Scarcely had I passed them, when I found him whom my soul loves. I held him, and would not let him go until I brought him into my mother’s house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me. I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or the wild does: do not stir up or awaken love until it is ready! (3:1-5).

Is this the description of a dream, a waking experience or the realistic portrayal of an actual event? The verses live from the tension between longing, seeking, not finding, and the final unexpectedly positive ending.

We pray:

Sister Ulrika, longing was your constant companion. There are all kinds of human longings that often sap so much strength since longing, homesickness and desire can cause pain and even make people ill. Sometimes people fall ill with homesickness. People come to us from many countries of the world because they are seeking safety, freedom and a life without hunger and need. But their longings are often disappointed because they do not feel at home or else are not accepted.

Stand by all in their need and homesickness who are displaced or forced to flee their homes. Help them to find people to support them in their material and especially their spiritual needs.

Be a companion to them. Amen.

Sr M. Jacobe Wetzel
Holy Eucharist for Pilgrims
Throughout the year we celebrate a Holy Eucharist for pilgrims at 10.30 a.m. every Wednesday in the crypt.

Monthly prayers
On the 8th of every month prayers are offered from 4-5 p.m. in the crypt for the concerns of our Ulrika pilgrims.

Nisch Day
A day of silence and prayer, relaxation and renewal on Saturdays from 10.00 to 15.00 in Haus Ulrika. The next date is: 28 April 2018. For information and registration (by the Thursday before) telephone ++49 7533-807 700 or email HYPERLINK “mailto:sr.margareta@kloster-hegne.de” sr.margareta@kloster-hegne.de.

New!
The best thing we have: prayer: We invite you to join us in praying with and for one another and for others. Open to all, just come along, no registration required. Every fourth Thursday in the month from 19.30-20.30 in Haus Ulrika. Dates for 2018: 24 May, 28 June, 26 July, 23 August, 27 September, 25 October, 22 November.

The Blessed Sr. Ulrika of Hegne
- A person very close to God and very open to other people.
- A woman whose nearness brought comfort and inspired confidence.
- A Holy Cross sister graced with an inner life of prayer and a deep experience of God.
- A blessed intercessor in whose help people trust, to whose shrine many come as pilgrims and whose help and support countless venerators experience and attest.

Biographical data
1882 18 September, birth in Mittelbiberach (Württemberg).
1904 Ulrika Nisch enters the convent in Hegne. From 1907 until her illness in 1912, kitchen sister in Bühl (Baden) and in Baden-Baden.
1913 8 May, death of Sr. Ulrika in Hegne.
1952 Beatification process opened.
1987 1 November, beatification of Sr. Ulrika by Pope John Paul II in Rome.
1991 Her bones are buried under the altar in the crypt in Hegne.