

**Sunday, August 7, 2022**  
**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Prayer for the Morning**

*Our God is a faithful God. Let us adore him!*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

**Hymn**

**Meter: LM**

Author of faith, eternal Word,  
Whose Spirit breathes the active flame;  
Faith like its finisher and Lord,  
Today as yesterday the same:  
To you our humble hearts aspire,  
And ask the gift unspeakable;  
Increase in us the kindled fire,  
In us the work of faith fulfill.  
Faith lends its realizing light,  
The clouds disperse, the shadows fly;  
The invisible appears in sight,  
And God is seen by mortal eye.

**Psalm 9**

**2-3, 10-11**

*Abram put his faith in the Lord, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness. (Gn 15:6)*  
*Putting our faith in God can seem like walking blindly into the dark simply because God has asked us to – with no assurance that we have heard correctly or that God is there to catch us if we fall. Yet that is what Abraham (Abram) did. For his trust, he was accounted righteous. Let us pray for the gift of that same unshakeable faith.*

I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart;  
I will recount all your wonders.  
I will rejoice in you and be glad,  
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.  
For the oppressed let the Lord be a stronghold,  
a stronghold in times of distress.  
Those who know your name will trust you:  
you will never forsake those who seek you.

Glory to the Father...

**Word of God**

**Romans 3:21-26**

The righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, though testified to by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction; all have sinned and are

deprived of the glory of God. They are justified freely by his grace through the redemption in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as an expiation, through faith, by his blood, to prove his righteousness because of the forgiveness of sins previously committed, through the forbearance of God—to prove his righteousness in the present time, that he might be righteous and justify the one who has faith in Jesus.

*You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God. (Eph 2:19)*

**Canticle of Zechariah**

*Everything is possible to one who has faith. (Mk 9:23)*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Glory to the Father...**

**Intercessions**

Putting our trust in the God who loves us, we pray:

**R/**You will never forsake those who seek you!  
For those who have been betrayed by those they have trusted, may they learn that you are trustworthy in all things: **R/**

For those who are unable to believe without concrete proofs, may they discover through your Spirit the spirit of adventurous faith: **R/**

For all of us when we prefer our own resources to yours, may we learn again that we are small and you are great: **R/** **Personal intentions**

**Our Father....**

*O God most faithful, grant us a share in the faith of Abraham, that we may live in you and for you in all things, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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**Reading 1** **Wisdom 18:6-9**

The night of the Passover was known beforehand to our fathers,/ that, with sure knowledge of the oaths in which they put their faith,/ they might have courage./ Your people awaited the salvation of the just/ and the destruction of their foes./ For when you punished our adversaries,/ in this you glorified us whom you had summoned./ For in secret the holy children of the good were offering sacrifice/ and putting into effect with one accord the divine institution.

**Reading 2** **Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12**

Brothers and sisters: Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. Because of it the ancients were well attested. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he sojourned in the promised land as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise; for he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and maker is God. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age—and Sarah herself was sterile—for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore.

**Gospel** **Luke 12:32-48**

Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an in exhaustible treasure in heaven that

no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.

“Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master’s return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

Then Peter said, “Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?” And the Lord replied, “Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master on arrival finds doing so. Truly, I say to you, the master will put the servant in charge of all his property. But if that servant says to himself, ‘My master is delayed in coming,’ and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants, to eat and drink and get drunk, then that servant’s master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour and will punish the servant severely and assign him a place with the unfaithful. That servant who knew his master’s will but did not make preparations nor act in accord with his will shall be beaten severely; and the servant who was ignorant of his master’s will but acted in a way deserving of a severe beating shall be beaten only lightly. Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.”

**Men of St. Joseph Prayer**

St. Joseph, help me to be like you. Help me to be obedient to the teachings of the Church and faithful to God’s commands. Help me to patiently endure my cross each day. Let me be a model of holiness and a pillar of virtue. I solemnly promise to embrace God’s will and I accept the challenge to work tirelessly for my family’s salvation. Be my guide and companion on this journey. St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us!

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