

Sunday, June 16, 2024
Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Prayer for the Morning

Our Lord gives us courage. Let us praise him!

Glory to the Father...Amen. Alleluia

Hymn **Meter: 10 10 10 with Alleluias**

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave, again, and arms are strong.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Psalm **24**

Fear not, I am with you;/ be not dismayed; I am your God./ I will strengthen you, and help you,/ and uphold you with my right hand of justice. (Is 41:10)

The ideal of the Christian religion is peace, and peace is God's ultimate plan. But we live in an imperfect world that is tainted with evil. Therefore we must often fight for truth and goodness. This fight may take many forms, internal and external, and will be different for each of us. No one, though, is exempt from service in the fight.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.
Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things,
who has not sworn so as to deceive his neighbor.
He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.
O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory!
Who is the king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war.
O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!
Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies,
he is the king of glory. **Glory to the Father...**

Word of God **1 Samuel 17:45-47**

David answered [Goliath]: "You come against me with sword and spear and scimitar, but I come against you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel that you have insulted. Today the Lord shall deliver you into my hand; I will strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will leave your corpse and the corpses of the Philistine army for the birds of the air and the beasts of the field; thus the whole land shall learn that Israel has a God. All this multitude, too, shall learn that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves. For the battle is the Lord's, and he shall deliver you into our hands."

In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world. (Jn 16:33b)

Canticle of Zechariah

You are my friends if you do what I command you.
(Jn 15:14)

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

The Lord is our one sure defense. We implore him:

R/ Defend us in battle!

When we are about to lose courage, – make us know your power. **R/**

When we see injustice, – give us the wisdom and strength to protect the weak. **R/**

When popular opinion contradicts God's law, – make us unafraid to stand up for the truth. **R/**

Personal intentions

Our Father....

Almighty Father, you are our strength in the fight against evil. Guard us against all the deceits of the enemy, that we may serve you in this world and in the next. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Reading 1 **Ezekiel 17:22-24**

Thus says the Lord God:/ I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar,/ from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot,/ and plant it on a high and lofty mountain;/ on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it./ It shall put forth branches and bear fruit,/ and become a majestic cedar./ Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it,/ every winged thing in the shade of its boughs./ And all the trees of the field shall know/ that I, the Lord,/ bring low the high tree,/ lift high the lowly tree,/ wither up the green tree,/ and make the withered tree bloom./ As I, the Lord, have spoken, so will I do.

Reading 2 **2 Corinthians 5:6-10**

Brothers and sisters: We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk

by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

Gospel **Mark 4:26-34**

Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come."

He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.

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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