

SUNDAY, November 15, 2020
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prayer for the Morning

God gives us life in Christ: let us give thanks and praise.
Glory to the Father...

Hymn **Meter: 87 87 D**

Those who love and those who labor
Follow in the way of Christ;
Thus the first disciples found him,
Thus the gift of love sufficed.
Jesus says to those who seek him,
I will never pass you by;
Raise the stone and you shall find me;
Cleave the wood, and there am I.
Where the many work together,
They with Christ himself abide,
But the lonely workers also
Find him ever at their side.
Lo, the Prince of common welfare
Dwells within the market strife;
Lo, the bread of heaven is broken
In the sacrament of life.

Psalm **24:1-6**

Give her a reward of her labors,/ and let her works praise her at the city gates. (Prv 31:31)

God's faithful people, women and men alike, praise God by their lives of faithful, often unsung labor as they put their gifts to use in the service of family, friends, neighbors, and strangers. Their reward is assured, though love, not reward, is their motive.

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.

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Word of God

Titus 3:8

This saying is trustworthy. I want you to insist on these points, that those who have believed in God be careful to devote themselves to good works; these are excellent and beneficial to others.

Work at your tasks in due season,/ and in his own time God will give you your reward. (Sir 51:30)

Canticle of Zechariah

When you look for me, you will find me. Yes, when you seek me with all your heart. (Sir 16:14)

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.

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Intercessions

The Lord Jesus glorified his Father by accomplishing the work he was given to do (cf. Jn 17:4). Let us pray for the grace to follow his example.

R/ May we do faithfully the work you have given. You call some to care for a household: may they be rewarded with the love of those for whom they care. **R/**
You call some to feed and clothe the poor: may they be rewarded with wealth of heart. **R/**

You call some to work for the economic or political good of the world: may they be rewarded with peace. **R/** **Personal intentions**

Our Father....

O God of wisdom, you call us to keep watch for the coming of Christ. Grant us the wisdom to await him, to recognize him in his coming, and to prefer him above all else, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Mass

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Reading 1 **Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31**

When one finds a worthy wife,/ her value is far beyond pearls./ Her husband, entrusting his heart to her,/ has an unfailling prize./ She brings him good, and not evil,/ all the days of her life./ She obtains wool and flax/ and works with loving hands./ She puts her hands to the distaff,/ and her fingers ply the spindle./ She reaches out her hands to the poor,/ and extends her arms to the needy./ Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;/ the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised./ Give her a reward for her labors,/ and let her works praise her at the city gates.

Reading 2 **1 Thessalonians 5:1-6**

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

Gospel **Matthew 25:14-30**

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one—to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went

off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

"After a long time, the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'"

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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