

**SUNDAY, November 16, 2025**  
**Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Prayer for the Morning**

*God cares for those who suffer for his name. Let us praise him!*

**Glory to the Father.... Amen. Alleluia!**

**Hymn** **Meter: SMD**

To leave the stones unthrown,  
To turn the other cheek,  
To bear a load an extra mile,  
To listen more than speak:  
Such are the marks of love,  
The testaments of grace,  
The daily glimpses of the cross  
Christ calls us to embrace.  
Not only in extremes,  
In moments stark and clear,  
In dark-night wrestling long and hard  
Or agony severe,  
But in some faithful act,  
Some scarcely conscious choice,  
We find the grace to hear and heed  
The bidding of Christ's voice.  
New crosses wait each day,  
New challenges to meet,  
New signposts for the way of life,  
New marks of death's defeat:  
Yet, be they great or small,  
Unique or commonplace,  
They help us look beyond ourselves  
To see and know Christ's face.

**Psalms** **69:7-15**

*Whenever anyone bears the pain of unjust suffering because of consciousness of God, that is a grace.*

(1 Pt 2:19)

*Every Christian call is in some way a call to persecution and martyrdom. In many places in the world in our day Christians are persecuted and in danger of death. Each one of us is called to die daily to self and to imitate the suffering Christ. Is our faith strong enough that it can withstand persecution and hold fast in the face of death?*

Let those who hope in you not be put to shame through me, Lord of hosts:  
let not those who seek you be dismayed through me, God of Israel.  
It is for you that I suffer taunts,  
that shame covers my face,  
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,  
an alien to my own mother's sons.

I burn with zeal for your house  
and taunts against you fall on me.  
When I afflict my soul with fasting  
they make it a taunt against me.  
When I put on sackcloth in mourning  
then they make me a byword,  
the gossip of men at the gates,  
the subject of drunkards' songs.  
This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favor.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
rescue me from sinking in the mud;  
save me from my foes.

Glory to the Father.

**Word of God** **Romans 8:35-39**

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? As it is written: "For your sake we are being slain all the day;/ we are looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Then they will hand you over to persecution, and they will kill you. You will be hated by all nations because of my name. (Mt 24:9)

**Canticle of Zechariah**

*God has given us new life.* (cf. Ezr 9:9)

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

Our strength is in God alone and so we pray:

**R/** Give us courage, Lord.

When others challenge our faith, may we not fear to stand up for the truth. **R/**

When we fear suffering for our faith, let us not be tempted to compromise our beliefs. **R/**

When we see other Christians neglect their religious duties, may we not be tempted to settle for mediocrity. **R/**

### **Personal intentions**

**Our Father....**

*God our Father, you are the king of martyrs and lover of those who suffer for you. Strengthen us in our daily struggles and make us willing to suffer and even die for love of you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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### Reading 1

**Malachi 3:19-20a**

Lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven,/ when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble,/ and the day that is coming will set them on fire,/ leaving them neither root nor branch,/ says the Lord of hosts./ But for you who fear my name, there will arise/ the sun of justice with its healing rays.

### Reading 2

**2 Thessalonians 3:7-12**

Brothers and sisters: You know how one must imitate us. For we did not act in a disorderly way among you, nor did we eat food received free from anyone. On the contrary, in toil and drudgery, night and day we worked, so as not to burden any of you. Not that we do not have the right. Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us. In fact, when we were with you, we instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat. We hear that some are conducting themselves among

you in a disorderly way, by not keeping busy but minding the business of others. Such people we instruct and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to work quietly and to eat their own food.

### Gospel

**Luke 21:5-19**

While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down."

Then they asked him, "Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?" He answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky.

"Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

### **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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