

SUNDAY, October 17, 2021
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prayer for the Morning

*If we suffer with Christ, we will reign with Christ.
Let us give thanks and praise!*

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: CM**

O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire,
Redemption's only spring:
Creator of the world are you,
Its Savior and its King.
For now the bonds of death are burst,
The ransom has been paid;
And you are on your Father's throne
In glorious robes arrayed.
Christ Jesus, be our present joy,
Our future great reward;
Our only glory may it be
To glory in the Lord.

Psalm **116:1-9**

We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin.
(Heb 4:15)

Suffering exposes our weaknesses, both to ourselves and to others. But Christ does not ask us to carry our cross alone, so we need not fear our weakness but glory in his strength as we suffer in and with him for a little while in order to live in and with him for ever.

I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him.
They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with the anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me!
How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me.

Turn back, my soul, to your rest
for the Lord has been good;
he has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. Glory to the Father....

Word of God **Romans 8:16-18**

The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us.

Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested. (Heb 2:18)

Canticle of Zechariah

If we have died with him/ we shall also live with him.
(2 Tm 2:11)

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

Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help. (Heb 4:16)

R/Have mercy on your people, Lord.

In our weakness, grant us your strength: **R/**

In our refusals to suffer for your sake, grant us your forgiveness: **R/**

In our reluctance to take up the cross, grant us your courage: **R/**

Personal intentions

Our Father....

O God, the source of all our strength, you nourish us with the Body and Blood of Christ crucified and risen. Through the Eucharist, strengthen us to walk the way of the cross that leads us into your kingdom, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Reading 1 Isaiah 53:10-11

The Lord was pleased/ to crush him in infirmity.

If he gives his life as an offering for sin,/ he shall see his descendants in a long life,/ and the will of the Lord shall be accomplished through him.

Because of his affliction/ he shall see the light in fullness of days;/ through his suffering, my servant shall justify many,/ and their guilt he shall bear.

Reading 2 Hebrews 4:14-16

Brothers and sisters: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.

Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us what-ever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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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