

Sunday, October 30, 2022
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prayer for the Morning

God loves the repentant heart. 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: CM**

Burdened with guilt, convinced of sin,
In weakness, want, and woe,
Fightings without, and fears within,
Lord, whither shall we go?
God of all grace, we come to thee
With broken, contrite hearts;
Give what thine eye delights to see,
Truth in the inward parts;
Give deep humility; the sense
Of godly sorrow give;
A strong, desiring confidence
To hear thy voice and live;
Faith in the only sacrifice
That can for sin atone;
To cast our hopes, to fix our eyes,
On Christ, on Christ alone.

Psalm **34:12-23**

*The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back,
the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal. (Ez
34:16)*

*Repentance is an ongoing process. We can constantly
better ourselves before God and through his grace.*

*This does not mean that we have to always feel guilty
and unworthy, but that we should be constantly
turning away from sin and evil and toward God. In
other words, we should always seek to grow in
holiness.*

**Come, children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity?
Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace.
The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal.
They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken.
Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.
Glory to the Father...

Word of God **1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

What thanksgiving, then, can we render to God for you, for all the joy we feel on your account before our God? Night and day we pray beyond measure to see you in person and to remedy the deficiencies of your faith. Now may God himself, our Father, and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. [Amen.]

Strive for peace with everyone, and for that holiness without which no one will see the Lord.
(Heb 12:14)

Canticle of Zechariah

Let us share the Lord's holiness. (cf. Heb 12:10)

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

Lord, we seek to turn away from sin and embrace your holiness, and so we pray:

R/ Guide us in repentance of heart.

When we have lost sight of you, – turn us from evil ways. **R/**

When we have invested our hearts in worldly cares, – do not let them draw us away from you.

R/

When we have embraced what is not good, – let us run back to your arms. **R/**

Personal intentions

Our Father....

Heavenly Father, you love those who have a repentant heart. Look with kindness on your servants who seek to please you in all they do. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Reading 1 Wisdom 11:22–12:2

Before the Lord the whole universe is as a grain from a balance/ or a drop of morning dew come down upon the earth./ But you have mercy on all, because you can do all things;/ and you overlook people's sins that they may repent./ For you love all things that are/ and loathe nothing that you have made;/ for what you hated, you would not have fashioned./ And how could a thing remain, unless you willed it;/ or be preserved, had it not been called forth by you?/ But you spare all things, because they are yours,/ O Lord and lover of souls,/ for your imperishable spirit is in all things!/ Therefore you rebuke offenders little by little,/ warn them and remind them of the sins they are committing,/ that they may abandon their wickedness and believe in you, O Lord!

Reading 2 2 Thessalonians 1:11–2:2

Brothers and sisters: We always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith, that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, in

accord with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ.

We ask you, brothers and sisters, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our assembling with him, not to be shaken out of your minds suddenly, or to be alarmed either by a “spirit,” or by an oral statement, or by a letter allegedly from us to the effect that the day of the Lord is at hand.

Gospel Luke 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, “Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house.” And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, “He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner.” But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.”

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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