

**SUNDAY, October 3, 2021**  
**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Prayer for the Morning**

*In Jesus Christ dead and risen lies our salvation: 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: 87 87**

Living Lord, our praise we render!  
His the blood for sinners shed.  
In the Father's power and splendor  
Christ is risen from the dead.  
Death's dominion, burst and broken  
By that Life which no more dies;  
We to whom the Lord has spoken,  
One with Christ, in freedom rise.  
One with Christ, both dead and risen;  
Dead to self and Satan's claim,  
Raised from death and sin's dark prison,  
Life is ours through Jesus' Name.

**Psalm** **18:2-7, 17-18**

*It was fitting that he, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering. (Heb 2:10)*

*To be "perfect" is to be complete. Through his suffering, Death, and Resurrection, Christ completed our humanity, deformed and stunted as it was by sin. Let us pray for the grace to live in this gift of true maturity, knowing that God will bring it to fullness through our own participation in the mystery of the cross, anticipated and deepened through every Sunday celebration of the Paschal Mystery.*

I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my savior.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise:  
when I call I am saved from my foes.  
The waves of death rose about me;  
the torrents of destruction assailed me;  
the snares of the grave entangled me;  
the traps of death confronted me.  
In my anguish I called to the Lord;  
I cried to my God for help.  
From his temple he heard my voice;  
my cry came to his ears.

From on high he reached down and seized me;  
he drew me forth from the mighty waters.  
He snatched me from my powerful foe,  
from my enemies whose strength I could not  
match. Glory to the Father....

**Word of God** **1 Peter 2:21-24**

To this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

By the grace of God, he tasted death for everyone.  
(cf. Heb 2:9))

**Canticle of Zechariah**

*For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. (Heb 12:2)*

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

With grateful joy we pray:

**R/** Lead us to life, O Lord!

For all who suffer: grant them the courage of the cross: **R/**

For all who struggle with fear, doubt, and purposelessness in their suffering: illumine them by the light of the cross: **R/**

For all those who have lost faith under the burden of suffering: restore them to life through the cross: **R/**

### **Personal intentions**

**Our Father....**

*God of all the living, you sent your only Son to deliver us from the power of sin and death through the mystery of the cross. Raise us from darkness to light in him, that we may grow into the holiness he won for us by our participation in the Paschal Mystery. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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**Reading 1**

**Genesis 2:18-24**

The Lord God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." So the Lord God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man.

So the Lord God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The Lord God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said: "This one, at last, is bone of my bones/ and flesh of my flesh;/ this one shall be called 'woman,'/ for out of 'her man' this one has been taken."/ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh.

**Reading 2**

**Hebrews 2:9-11**

Brothers and sisters: He "for a little while" was made "lower than the angels," that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

For it was fitting that he, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering. He who consecrates and

those who are being consecrated all have one origin. Therefore, he is not ashamed to call them "brothers."

**Gospel**

**Mark 10: 2-16**

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them."

### **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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