

**Sunday, September 15, 2024**  
**Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Prayer for the Morning**

*Jesus Christ is God's free gift of love to us: let us give thanks and praise!*

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

**Hymn**

**Meter: CM**

Lord, as to thy dear cross we flee,  
And plead to be forgiv'n,  
So let thy life our pattern be  
And for our souls for heav'n.  
Help us through good report and ill  
Our daily cross to bear,  
Like thee to do our Father's will,  
Our brethren's grief to share.  
Let grace our selfishness expel,  
Our earthliness refine,  
And kindness in our being dwell,  
As free and true as thine.

**Psalm**

**112**

*What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?* (Jas 2:14)

*Faith thinks not as the ego thinks but as God thinks. Faith lives by the light of the self-sacrificing love of the Crucified. Faith works for the benefit of others, even and especially those who have nothing to give in return except the opportunity to serve.*

Happy the man who fears the Lord,  
who takes delight in all his commands.  
His sons will be powerful on earth;  
the children of the upright are blessed.  
Riches and wealth are in his house;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
He is a light in the darkness for the upright:  
he is generous, merciful and just.  
The good man takes pity and lends,  
he conducts his affairs with honor.  
The just man will never waver:  
he will be remembered for ever.  
He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.  
With a steadfast heart he will not fear;

he will see the downfall of his foes.  
Open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
His head will be raised in glory.  
The wicked man sees and is angry,  
grinds his teeth and fades away;  
the desire of the wicked leads to doom.

Glory to the Father...

**Word of God**

**Tobit 4:5-7**

Perform good works all the days of your life, and do not tread the paths of wrongdoing. For if you are steadfast in your service, your good works will bring success, not only to you, but also to all those who live uprightly. Give alms from your possessions. Do not turn your face away from any of the poor, and God's face will not be turned away from you.

For just as a body without a spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead. (Jas 2:26)

**Canticle of Zechariah**

*Give to the hungry some of your bread, and to the naked some of your clothing. Whatever you have left over, give away as alms; and do not begrudge the alms you give.* (Tb 4:16).

**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 pray for the gift of true conversion of heart:

**R/**Teach us your ways, O Lord!

In our selfishness, – grant us a share in the self-giving love of the cross: **R/**

In our possessiveness, – grant us a share in the self-giving love of the cross: **R/**

In our anxiety over our own needs, – grant us a share in the self-giving love of the cross: **R/**

### **Personal intentions**

**Our Father....**

*O God and giver of all good gifts, through the gift of life you bestowed on us through the saving Death and -Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen our faith to do the good works of love with a generous heart. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen*

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### Reading 1

Isaiah 50:5-9a

The Lord God opens my ear that I may hear;/ and I have not rebelled,/ have not turned back./ I gave my back to those who beat me,/ my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;/ my face I did not shield/ from buffets and -spitting.

The Lord God is my help,/ therefore I am not disgraced;/ I have set my face like flint,/ knowing that I shall not be put to shame./ He is near who upholds my right;/ if anyone wishes to oppose me,/ let us -appear -together./ Who disputes my right?/ Let that man -confront me./ See, the Lord God is my help;/ who will prove me wrong?

### Reading 2

James 2:14-18

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,” but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it?

So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Indeed someone might say, “You have faith and I have works.” Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.

### Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” They said in reply, “John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets.” And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter said to him in reply, “You are the Christ.” Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise -after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.”

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.”

### **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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