

**Sunday, September 18, 2022**  
**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Prayer for the Morning**

*Our God is peace: come, let us adore him!*  
*Glory to the Father... Amen. Alleluia!!*

**Hymn** **Meter: LM**

Teach me to serve you as I should,  
To give my all ungrudgingly,  
To fight and not to heed the wounds  
But work for you untiringly.  
Teach me to spend myself for you,  
To ask not more as my reward  
Than that I know I do your will,  
Jesus, my Savior and my Lord.

**Psalm 122** **1-2, 6-9**

*I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity.*  
(1 Tm 2:1-2))

*In a world and a Church sincerely devoted to doing many good works that could bring about peace, we might sometimes overlook the fact that the greatest work of all is prayer. We dare not abandon the good works, but let us remember that peace is ultimately God's desire and God's achievement: let us pray earnestly, "Thy will be done."*

I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
"Let us go to God's house."  
And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.  
For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
"Peace be to your homes!  
May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace!"  
For love of my brethren and friends  
I say: "Peace upon you!"  
For love of the house of the Lord  
I will ask for your good. Glory to the Father...

**Word of God** **Jeremiah 29:11-12**

For I know well the plans I have in mind for you,  
says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe!  
plans to give you a future full of hope. When you  
call me, when you go to pray to me, I will listen to  
you.

*O Lord, you mete out peace to us,/ for it is you who  
have accomplished all we have done. (Is 26:12)*

**Canticle of Zechariah**

*With all prayer and supplication, pray at every  
opportunity in the Spirit. To that end, be watchful  
with all perseverance and supplication for all the holy  
ones. (Eph 6:18)*

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 earnest faith, we pray:

**R/ Grant peace, O God, grant peace!**

For all heads of state: grant them the grace to  
pursue the ways of peace for the sake of the  
world: **R/**

For all those in authority in seats of government,  
places of work, and family homes: deepen in them  
the commitment to justice and charity on which  
peace depends: **R/**

For all those engaged in war and violence:  
transform their lives into lives of peace: **R/**

**Personal intentions**

Our Father...

*God of all goodness, you sent your Son Jesus Christ  
to be our peace. Deepen in us the will to pray and to  
live for the peace of your kingdom in every aspect of  
our lives. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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**Reading 1** **Amos 8:4-7**

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy/ and destroy the poor of the land!/ “When will the new moon be over,” you ask,/ “that we may sell our grain,/ and the sabbath, that we may display the wheat?/ We will diminish the ephah,/ add to the shekel,/ and fix our scales for cheating!/ We will buy the lowly for silver,/ and the poor for a pair of sandals;/ even the refuse of the wheat we will sell!”/ The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:/ Never will I forget a thing they have done!

**Reading 2** **1 Timothy 2:1-8**

Beloved: First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills every one to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God./ There is also one mediator between God and men,/ the man Christ Jesus,/ who gave himself as ransom for all. This was the testimony at the proper time. For this I was appointed preacher and apostle—I am speaking the truth, I am not lying—, teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

It is my wish, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument.

**Gospel** **Luke 16:1-13**

Jesus said to his disciples, [“A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, ‘What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.’ The steward said to himself, ‘What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.’ He called in his master’s debtors one

by one. To the first he said, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He replied, ‘One hundred measures of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.’ Then to another the steward said, ‘And you, how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘One hundred kors of wheat.’ The steward said to him, ‘Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.’ And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently.

“For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.] The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.

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**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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