

**Sunday, September 25, 2022**  
**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Prayer for the Morning**

*Come, let us give thanks to God for all his gifts to us! 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: 88 88 88**

Give me, O Lord, the grace to see,  
And wisdom to acknowledge thee,  
My being's Source and sovereign Lord,  
My greatest Good, my life's Reward,  
My truest wealth and treasure here,  
Than dearest earthly friend more dear.  
And give me, Lord, the grace to see  
The happiness of serving thee  
In holiness of life and heart,  
Where sin or evil play no part;  
And grant that none shall ever be  
Less true or good because of me.

**Psalm** **101:6, 14, 17-18**

*If someone who has worldly means sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion, how can the love of God remain in him? (1 Jn 3:17)*

*The poor are all those who stand in need of our love, our time, our interest, our concern. Our wealth is not necessarily our money. It is whatever good God has done for us and given to us.*

Lord, why do you stand afar off and hide yourself in times of distress?  
The poor man is devoured by the pride of the wicked: he is caught in the schemes that others have made.  
For the wicked man boasts of his heart's desires; the covetous blasphemes and spurns the Lord. In his pride the wicked says: "He will not punish. There is no God." Such are his thoughts. His path is ever untroubled; your judgment is far from his mind.  
His enemies he regards with contempt. He thinks: "Never shall I falter: misfortune shall never be my lot."  
But you have seen the trouble and sorrow, you note it, you take it in hand.  
The helpless trusts himself to you; for you are the helper of the orphan.  
Lord, you hear the prayer of the poor; you strengthen their hearts; you turn your ear to protect the rights of the orphan and oppressed

so that mortal man may strike terror no more.  
Glory to the Father...

**Word of God** **1 Timothy 6:17-19**

Tell the rich in the present age not to be proud and not to rely on so uncertain a thing as wealth but rather on God, who richly provides us with all things for our enjoyment. Tell them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, ready to share, thus -accumulating as treasure a good foundation for the future, so as to win the life that is true life.

Woe to the complacent in Zion,/ to the overconfident on the mount of Samaria. (Am 6:1)

**Canticle of Zechariah**

*Wealth is useless on the day of wrath,/ but virtue saves from death. (Pro 11:4)*

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**

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Many are the needs of those around us; few are our resources; great is the generosity of God, and so we pray:

**R/Lord, you hear the prayer of the poor!**

For those who go to bed hungry, that they may be fed by those who have more food than they need.

**R/**

For those who suffer the diseases of poverty, that they may find help from those who suffer the -diseases of affluence. **R/**

For those who are neglected, that they may find care from those who are loved. **R/**

For those who have died, that they may be raised to eternal life.: **R/**

### **Personal intentions**

**Our Father....**

*O God, you loved the world so much that you gave your Only Begotten Son for our salvation. Grant that we who have received such a gift from you may withhold from those in need no gift that lies within our power to give, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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**Reading 1** **Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts:/ Woe to the complacent in Zion!/ Lying upon beds of ivory,/ stretched comfortably on their couches,/ they eat lambs taken from the flock,/ and calves from the stall!/ Improvising to the music of the harp,/ like David, they devise their own accompaniment./ They drink wine from bowls/ and anoint themselves with the best oils;/ yet they are not made ill by the collapse of Joseph!/ Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile,/ and their wanton revelry shall be done away with.

**Reading 2** **1 Timothy 6:11-16**

But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith. Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called when you made the noble confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you before God, who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus, who gave testimony under Pontius Pilate for the noble confession, to keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ that the blessed and only ruler will make manifest at the proper time, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, and whom no human being has seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal power. Amen.

**Gospel** **Luke 16:19-31**

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.' Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of -torment.' But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.' He said, 'O no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'"

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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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