

LIVING FAITH

OCTOBER 20, 2019
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
WORLD MISSION DAY

THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY

Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." ' And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

TAKING THE GOSPEL HOME

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses a wonderful image to teach us about prayer. He tells a story about a woman, a widow, who pesters and pesters a judge until he gives her what she wants. Is Jesus telling us that if we pester and pester God, God will give us what we want? No. Then why do we pray, if it's not to get "stuff" from God? The famous author, C.S. Lewis, once said, "Prayer doesn't change God. Prayer changes me." AS I pray, as I enter into a conversation with the God who loves me, I am changed. I become more like that loving, patient, generous God. We pray in order to draw nearer to God, to take on God's heart. We pray in order to be changed.

PONDER AND DISCUSS

- What do you think prayer is?
- Why do we pray?
- How do you pray? How would you like to pray?
- Who teaches us how to pray?



Keep On Praying

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Keep On Praying

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. Luke 18:1 (NIV)
 The puzzle is based on Luke 18:1-8 (NIV).



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World Mission Sunday: Today, on World Mission Sunday, we are invited to celebrate our mission's vocation, to pray for the people who are actively engaged in mission, and to generously contribute to our worldwide mission solidarity fund through this collection. Your gift on this day helps people in remote villages, towns and cities. It also helps the witness and work of missionaries and local priests helping children, the elderly, refugees, the sick, and orphans. It helps religious Sisters and Brothers and Laity bring the Gospel to the poorest of our human family. It also helps catechists proclaim the message of hope and peace that only Christ can give. Please offer your prayers for the work of the Church in the Missions today and be as generous as you can on World Mission Sunday.

OCTOBER IS EXTRAORDINARY MISSION MONTH A THOUGHT AND AN ACTION FOR THE DAY

Sunday, October 20

Reflection: "Converting our hearts and minds as Missionary Disciples, the Spirit urges us to go out into the world and announce Christ". (Cardinal Filoni)

Action: At the end of the day, reflect on how you have announced Christ in one form or another.

Monday, October 21

Reflection: "When Mercy is lived, it becomes a form of real evangelization because it transforms those who receive Mercy into witnesses of Mercy." (Pope Francis)

Action: Live Mercy in some small way today.

Tuesday, October 22

Reflection: "Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow". (Helen Keller)

Action: Keep our eyes on Christ, the Son/Sun of God, and life's difficulties won't seem as dark.

Wednesday, October 23

Reflection: "The Lord, our God, is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness."

Action: Live every day in the above promise of who God is for you.

Thursday, October 24

Reflection: "People should be able "to look at you and learn how to be Church."

Action: Assess the ways you are exhibiting that you are the Church.

Friday, October 25

Reflection: "Rejoice in the Lord always... the Lord is near." (Phil. 4:4-5)

Action: Be sure to remember the presence of God even in the midst of crisis or chaos.

Saturday, October 26

Reflection: Benedict XVI expressed gratitude "to the Pontifical Mission Societies ... in their indispensable service of promoting missionary animation and formation".

Action: Make an effort to be aware of the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies.

PRAYER FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY MISSION MONTH

Heavenly Father, when your only begotten Son Jesus Christ rose from the dead,
he commissioned his followers to "go and make disciples of all nations"

and you remind us that through our Baptism
we are made sharers in the mission of the Church.

Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit

to be courageous and zealous in bearing witness to the Gospel,

so that the mission entrusted to the Church, which is still very far from completion,
may find new and efficacious expressions that bring life and light to the world.

Help us make it possible for all peoples to experience the saving love
and mercy of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever. Amen.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

At the initiative of Pope Pius XI in 1926, the third Sunday in October became known as World Mission Sunday. Catholics around the world are invited to pray for and give to the Missions. Funds collected assist some 1,250 mission dioceses.

This year's collection is organized by the Pontifical Mission Societies
The Pontifical Mission Societies comprise of four distinct organizations. These are:

- The Society for the Propagation of the Faith,
 - The Society of St. Peter the Apostle
 - The Holy Childhood Association and
 - the Missionary Union

World Mission Sunday: Your contributions to the special collection on World Mission Sunday have helped:

- provide 200 new desks (20 desks for 10 schools) in Uganda
- in Nigeria they have drilled bore holes to access potable water
- purchase fuel for the diocesan boat called the "Galilee" to carry the Bishop, Catechists and medical teams around the Solomon Islands

World Mission Sunday:

- the Society of Saint Peter the Apostle is in 157 countries and supports 1,111 Mission dioceses and funds the training and formation of 116,843 major seminarians; 104,351 minor seminarians, 10,000 novices and 3,122,653 Catechists
- through your generosity the Society of Saint Peter the Apostle is able to provide to seminaries potable water, electricity, dormitories, classrooms, dining halls and furniture.

World Mission Sunday:

- in Nigeria your donations have been used to build Nursery and Primary Schools
- six 10,000 litre tanks have been purchased to assist with a water management project in Uganda
- in Vietnam the Catechists travel to remote villages on motorbikes supplied through your contributions

How your World Mission Sunday Collection from English Canada was distributed last year: Liberia \$381,762 Nigeria \$660,960 Peru \$123,841 Ghana \$625,918 Taiwan \$241,814 Papua New Guinea \$376,182 Fondazione Domus Missionalis \$269,737 Total \$2,680,214

Our collections over the past 3 years for the Archdiocese of St. John's have been: (2016) \$13,099.00 (2017) \$14,662.00 (2018) \$12,507.50
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