

Sunday, October 13, 2024
Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Prayer for the Morning

Jesus is the divine teacher. He shows us the way to life. Let us give thanks and praise!

Glory to the Father...Amen. Alleluia

Hymn

Meter: 77 77

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife;
Such a life as killeth death.
Come my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a light as shows a feast;
Such a feast as mends in length;
Such a strength as makes his guest.
Come my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a joy as none can move;
Such a love as none can part;
Such a heart as joys in love.

Psalm

19:8-11, 15

I pleaded, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.

(Wis 7:7)

Keeping the commandments and the precepts of the Church are reliable ways to grow closer to the wisdom of God, but by themselves they are not enough. We must love Jesus Christ himself. Through imitation of Christ we grow closer to the very Source of Wisdom.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.
The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.
They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold,
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb.
May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favor in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock! **Glory to the Father...**

Word of God

Wisdom 8:5-6

If riches be a desirable possession in life,/ what is more rich than Wisdom, who produces all things?/
And if prudence renders service,/ who in the world is a better craftsman than she?

The word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword. (Heb 4:12)

Canticle of Zechariah

There is only One who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments. (Mt 19:17)

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

Jesus illumines the darkness of ignorance and gives hungering humanity the fruit of knowledge it craves. Let us pray:

R/You are the Source of Wisdom.

For those who are seduced by the lies of the enemy: – may they be shown the beauty of eternal truth. **R/**

For all who teach the Christian faith: – may they always remain true to the Gospel. **R/**

For all who seek wisdom but do not know Christ: – may they find the path of truth that leads to God. **R/**

Personal intentions

Our Father....

Father, you have given us the commandments through Moses, and the new covenant through your Son. By imitating Jesus may we grow ever closer to the heart of your wisdom. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Reading 1 **Wisdom 7:7-11**

I prayed, and prudence was given me;/ I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me./ I preferred her to scepter and throne,/ and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her,/ nor did I liken any priceless gem to her;/ because all gold, in view of her, is a little sand,/ and before her, silver is to be accounted mire./ Beyond health and comeliness I loved her,/ and I chose to have her rather than the light,/ because the splendor of her never yields to sleep./ Yet all good things together came to me in her company,/ and countless riches at her hands.

Reading 2 **Hebrews 4:12-13**

Brothers and sisters: Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart. No creature is concealed from him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account.

Gospel **Mark 10:17-30**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor

your father and your mother." He replied and said to him, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."

Peter began to say to him, "We have given up everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come."

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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