



## OPENING PRAYER

**+In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen**

Father God, thank you for this time with you. May the Holy Spirit be upon me, that I may receive wisdom from your Word, be open to Your holy Will and give glory to You always. Through Christ our Lord, Amen

Our Father + Hail Mary + Glory Be

## LECTIO DIVINA

Invite the Holy Spirit - Read - Reflect - Respond in Prayer - Rest in Silence

### **Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'"

Jesus drives home a lesson for this disciples: do not hinder supporters, regardless of where they appear. Why do you think they were overly protective of Jesus? What do you think Jesus is telling them to do instead? How do you recognize or discern who is for or against Jesus?

### **Reading I : Numbers 11:25-29**

The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, the LORD bestowed it on the seventy elders; and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied. Now two men, one named Eldad and the other Medad, were not in the gathering but had been left in the camp. They too had been on the list, but had not gone out to the tent; yet the spirit came to rest on them also, and they prophesied in the camp. So, when a young man quickly told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp," Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses' aide, said, "Moses, my lord, stop them." But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!"

The Israelite people began their journey away from the wilderness of Sinai and toward the promised land. In this reading, two elders left the camp but the Lords acts despite the procedural misstep and no harm is incurred because of it. What does this say to you about God? What does that mean to all of us as followers of the Lord?

## Notes

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart..**

**Reading II: James 5:1-6**

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire. You have stored up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter. You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous one; he offers you no resistance.

St. James vehemently scolds “rich people”, those who were hostile toward the early Christian community. God’s people take refuge in God’s grace and mercy. What do you believe would happen to those who oppressed His people?

**Feast days this week**

**SUNDAY SEPTMEBER 29 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MONDAY 30 SIAINT JEROME, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH, MEMORIAL**

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 1 SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

**WEDNESDAY 2 THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS**

**THURSDAY 3 WEEKDAY**

**FRIDAY 4 SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI, MEMORIAL**

**SATURDAY 5 SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA, VIRGIN**

*reflect*

Have I ever looked down on a person because of their zeal or lack of faith?

*pray*

Father God, help me to build up the Kingdom of God by encouraging my brother/sister in Christ. Through Christ our Lord, Amen

*live*

As people of God, pray and support the faith community.