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OCTOBER 1, 2024

THE POWER OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS FOR DELIVERANCE

Revelation 12:11

By Comfort Dakorah-Bendah (Ghana)

Bible Verse: Revelation 12:11 (NIV) - "They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death."

The concept of deliverance is deeply rooted in the Christian faith, symbolizing liberation from sin, evil, and bondage through God's divine intervention. The Precious Blood of Jesus is a powerful symbol of deliverance, representing both the physical blood shed during His crucifixion and the spiritual sacrifice He made to atone for humanity's sins.

In Revelation 12:11, the "blood of the Lamb" signifies the sacrificial death of Jesus, which serves as the ultimate deliverance for believers, offering physical

and spiritual redemption. Throughout the Bible, blood symbolizes life and purification. In the Old Testament, sacrificial animal blood was used for atonement, while in the New Testament, Jesus' blood is the ultimate sacrificial offering, bringing eternal deliverance from sin and death.

The Precious Blood of Jesus holds significant power for believers, serving as a reminder of Christ's immense love and sacrifice. It provides continuous protection and deliverance from evil and is often invoked in prayers for deliverance and protection. Believers call upon the blood of Jesus to seek protection, healing, and deliverance from bondage, whether spiritual, emotional, or physical.

In times of spiritual warfare, Christians plead the blood of Jesus over their lives, families, and situations, declaring trust in its power to overcome darkness and bring divine intervention. The blood of Jesus serves as a testament to God's covenant with humanity, symbolizing the new covenant established through

Christ's sacrifice, offering forgiveness and reconciliation with God.

The power of the Precious Blood of Jesus is reflected in Christian liturgical practices, such as the Eucharist or Holy Communion, where believers partake in the symbolic representation of Christ's body and blood. This sacrament reinforces faith in the power of His blood.

The Precious Blood of Jesus is a present reality for believers, offering continuous spiritual strength and deliverance. By faith, believers can tap into this divine power and experience freedom, protection, and victory.

Prayers

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ, and the precious blood shed on Calvary, bringing us redemption and deliverance. We plead the blood of Jesus over our lives, families, and circumstances, declaring protection, healing, and freedom from bondage. We trust in the power of the

precious blood to overcome darkness and bring divine intervention. Cover us with your protection and fill us with your peace. We proclaim the victory of Jesus' blood over every situation. Thank you for the new covenant established through His sacrifice, assuring our salvation and eternal life. Help us live in the reality of this deliverance, walking in faith and confidence in your promises. In Jesus' mighty name, we pray. Amen.

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OCTOBER 2, 2024

PRAYING WITHOUT CEASING

1 Thessalonians 5:17

By Mpumwire Annita (Uganda)

This verse encourages believers to maintain a continual attitude of prayer throughout their daily lives.

Reflection on this verse often highlights several key points:

1. “Attitude of the Heart”: Praying without ceasing is not about uttering constant words, but rather cultivating a heart that is always open to God's presence and guidance. It is about maintaining a constant awareness of God's nearness to us.

2. “Dependency on God”: This type of prayer acknowledges our dependence on God for every aspect of our lives. It is an acknowledgment that we need His wisdom, strength, and direction at all times.

3. “Connection with God”: It fosters a deeper relationship with God. When we pray without ceasing, we invite Him into every moment of our lives, seeking His will and aligning our thoughts and actions with His.

4. “Practical Application”: While it's not feasible to be in a formal prayer posture constantly, praying without ceasing can be practiced through short and spontaneous prayers throughout the day — in times of joy, sorrow, decision-making, and gratitude.

5. “Transformation”: It transforms our perspective and priorities. Constant communication with God helps us see things from His perspective and prioritize eternal values over temporary concerns.

In essence, "praying without ceasing" is about maintaining an ongoing conversation with God, where prayer becomes a natural and integral part of our daily

existence rather than a scheduled event. It emphasizes the intimacy and immediacy of our relationship with Him, impacting how we live and interact with the world around us.

Prayers

Pray as the spirit leads.

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OCTOBER 3, 2024

COME TO ME

Matthew 11:25-30

By Jackson Mureithi (Kenya)

Matthew 11: 25-30

25. At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and has revealed them unto little children

26. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight.

- Because the Lord knew that many would doubt respecting the foregoing matter, namely, that the Jews would not receive Christ whom the Gentile world has so willingly received. He makes answer to their thoughts. And Jesus answered and said, I confess unto thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth.

- We are called to give thanks to God the Father by always acknowledging His did in our lives.
- We should always learn to exercise humility, Jesus humbled himself before Abba Father and so should we. With humility we are able to do the will of God.
- A mystery here is revealed; **Jesus is True God and True Man, Jesus is God the Son.** We find this in the prayer Jesus prays in v.25
- We are to avoid intellectual pride for it is going to hinder us understand the hidden mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. Therefore give praise, glory and honor to God always.
- Those who consider themselves as ‘wise and learned’ are often tempted to rely on their own reasoning abilities to come to conclusions and beliefs in life.
- The gift of **faith** is going to grow, increase and manifest in us if we maintain Humility and Praise God in our lives

- If Christ, from whom all sin is far, said, I confess. Confession is not proper for the sinner only, but sometimes also for him that gives thanks. We may confess either by praising God, or by accusing ourselves. When He said, “I confess unto thee, it is, I praise Thee, not I accuse myself let those hear who falsely argue, that the Saviour was not born but created, how He calls His Father “Lord of heaven and earth”. For if He be a creature, and the creature can call its Maker Father, it was surely foolish here to address Him as Lord of heaven and earth, and not of Him (Christ) likewise. He gives thanks that His coming has opened to the Apostles sacraments, which the Scribes and Pharisees knew not, who seemed to themselves wise, and understanding in their own eyes; “That thou hast hid these things from the wise and understanding, and hast revealed them unto babies.”

27. All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.”

- Because He had said, “I confess unto thee, Father, because thou hast hid these things from the wise, ” that you should not suppose that He thus thanks the Father as though He Himself was excluded from this power, He adds, “All things are committed to me by my Father.” Hearing the words are committed, do not admit suspicion of anything human, for He uses this word that you may not think there be two gods unbegotten. For at the time that He was begotten He was Lord of all.
- Or that we may not think that there is anything less in Him than in God, therefore He says this.
- And also in the mutual knowledge between the Father and the Son, He teaches us that there is nothing in the Son beyond what was in the Father; for it follows, “And none knoweth the Son but the

Father, nor does any man know the Father but the Son.”

- The Father is revealed by the Son, that is, by His Word. For if the temporal and transitory word which we utter both shows itself, and what we wish to convey, how much more the Word of God by which all things were made, which so shows the Father as He is Father, because itself is the same and in the same manner as the Father.
- **Jesus is the way to God Abba Father.**

28. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30. for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

- By what He had said, He brought His disciples to have a **desire towards Him**, showing them His unspeakable excellence; and now He invites them

to Him, saying, come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden.”

- We are mortal men, bearing vessels of clay which cause us much difficulty. But if the vessels of flesh are straightened, the regions of love will be enlarged.
- Jesus calls to Him those that were labouring under the hardships of the Law, and those who are burdened with the sins of this world. That the burden of sin is heavy the Prophet Zachariah bears witness, saying, that wickedness sited upon a talent of lead. [Zech 5:7] And the Psalmist fills it up, Thy iniquities are grown heavy upon me.” [Ps 38:4]
- For a cruel yoke and hard weight of servitude it is to be subject to the things of time, to be ambitious of the things of earth, to cling to falling things, to seek to stand in things that stand not, to desire things that pass away, but to be unwilling to pass away with them. For while all things fly away against our wish, those things which had first

harassed the mind in desire of gaining them, now oppress it with fear of losing them.

- He said not, Come ye, this man and that man, but all whosoever are in trouble, in sorrow, or in sin, not that I may exact punishment of you, but that I may remit your sins. Come ye, not that I have need of your glory, but that I seek your salvation. “And I will refresh you; not, I will save you, only; but that is much greater, “I will refresh you,” that is, I will set you in all quietness.

- I will not only take from you your burden, but will satisfy you with inward refreshment
- “Come, He says, not with the feet, but with the life, not in the body, **but in faith**. For that is a spiritual approach by which any man approaches God; and therefore it follows, “Take my yoke upon you.”
- **The yoke of Christ is Christ’s Gospel**, which joins and yokes together Jews and Gentiles in the unity of the faith. This we are commanded to take upon us, that is, to have in honor; lest perchance

setting it beneath us, that is wrongly despising it, we should trample upon it with the miry feet of unholiness; wherefore He adds, “Learn of me.”

- Not to create a world, or to do miracles in that world; but that, “I am **meekest and lowly in heart.**” Would thou be great? Begin with the least. Would thou build up a mighty fabric of greatness? First think of the foundation of humility; for the mightier building any seeks to raise, the deeper let him dig for his foundation. Whither is the summit of our building to rise? To the sight of God.
- We must learn then from our Saviour to be meek in temper, and lowly in mind; let us hurt none, let us despise none, and the virtues which we have shown in deed let us retain in our heart.
- And therefore in beginning the Divine Law He begins with humility, and sets before us a great reward, saying, “And ye shall find rest for your souls.” This is the highest reward, you shall not only be made useful to others, but shall make yourself to have peace; and He gives you the

promise of it before it comes, but when it is come, you shall rejoice in perpetual rest. And that they might not be afraid because He had spoken of a burden, therefore, He adds, “For my yoke is pleasant, and my burden light.

- And what is more pleasant than that yoke, what lighter than that burden? To be made better, to abstain from wickedness, to choose the good, and refuse the evil, to love all men, to hate none, to gain eternal things, not to be taken with things present, to be unwilling to do that to another which yourself would be pained to suffer.”
- So then they who with unfearing neck have submitted to the yoke of the Lord endure such hardships and dangers, that they seem to be called not from labour to rest, but from rest to labour.

But the Holy Spirit was there who, as the outward man decayed, renewed the inward man day by day, and giving a foretaste of spiritual rest in the rich pleasures of God in the hope of blessings to come, smoothed all that seemed rough, lightened all that was heavy. Men

suffer amputations and burnings that at the price of sharper pain they may be delivered from torments less but more lasting, as boils or swelling.

What storms and dangers will not merchants undergo that they may acquire perishing riches? Even those who love not riches endure the same hardships; but those that love them endure the same, but to them they are not hardships. For love makes right easy, and almost doubt all things however dreadful and monstrous.

How much more easily does love do that for true happiness, which avarice does for misery as far as it can?

- And how is the Gospel lighter than the Law, seeing in the Law murder and adultery, but under the Gospel anger and concupiscence also, are punished? Because by the Law many things are commanded which the Apostle fully teaches as cannot be fulfilled; by the Law works are required, by the Gospel the will is sought for, which even if it goes not into act, yet does not lose its reward.

The Gospel commands what we can do, as that we must not; this is in our own power; the Law punishes not the will but the act, as adultery. Suppose a virgin to have been violated in time of persecution; as here was not the will she is held as a virgin under the Gospel; under the Law she is cast out as defiled.

We are to live depending on Eucharist, Prayer and Gospel.

The God who reveals and hides.

Opening to God's self-revelation.

God shows to reveal Himself to us and to bless us through Jesus.

Prayers

My rejoicing Lord Jesus, You are attentive to the workings of grace in every human heart. As you see the voice of the Father speaking to your children, you rejoice at such a sight. Dear Lord, I pray that my own heart will be the cause of your joy and your praise of the Father in Heaven. Please speak to me and help me

to believe with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in you.
Amen.

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OCTOBER 4, 2024

AM I A GOOD SHEPHERD?

JOHN 10:1-14

By Tusi Tome (Kenya)

Most at times I ask myself this question: am I a good shepherd? Is a shepherd only an ordained person? We are all in our different capacities been called to be shepherds, the question is, what kind of shepherds are we? When we read from the gospel of Saint John 10:1-14, Jesus is telling us, He is the good shepherd, He is also the gate to the sheep fold. We're God's sheep and so He is the gate in our lives when we enclose ourselves in Him.

As then the sheep to the fold, we should depend on Jesus for everything. He will watch over our lives, He will guide us, He will feed us, by taking us to where there are good pastures, (Psalms 23). Jesus our good shepherd will always keep us safe so that the enemy cannot devour us. Am I then a good shepherd who lead others well in the position that I have? do I watch over other lives by providing safe working environment for

them? Do I teach those I lead the right teachings that lead them to God or am I misleading them? Am I a good role model to be emulated by those I lead as Christ was a good shepherd? His sheep knows Him and He knows them by name (John 10: 3).

Jesus knows His own, do we know our own? Do you know your children, parents, members of the church, those in need in your circle? let's learn to know them by their good actions, which we as good shepherds will teach them. As a leader in your family or wherever God has placed you, know your sheep by name and they too know you by your voice. What kind of voice do I have? encouraging, comforting, rebuking, cursing or loving and many other voices. Can my sheep trust me, can they share what they're going through with me as their shepherd? As a shepherd in my family am I a provider to them, can I sacrifice myself for others? We need to sacrifice our time for family and for others. Have that listening ear. Have good relationships with those that you shepherd. We should not be like hired men but be there for our sheep and not run away when things get

wrong or tougher. As a good shepherd let's learn to speak the truth. As a leader in your family, church, organization, workplace and any other place, you're a representation of Gods shepherd, (Jeremiah 23:2). God is also warning us as shepherds, we shouldn't scatter His sheep for He will punish us. Let us watch over enemies who come to steal Gods sheep. Our words, our actions can make the sheep stray and go away. A good shepherd is not biased, he takes care of all, the sick, the wounded, the heartbroken to give his own a relief and hope. He also rescues the lost or those trapped in worldly pleasures.

Love your sheep (John 10:11-13), Jesus laid down His life for us, let us lay our time, resources for others. As a good shepherd you and your sheep should know each other (John 10:14-15). Jesus knew His own and His own knew Him. As good shepherds let's be doors that others would want to come through us, doors to hope, forgiveness, unity, peace, advocacy for rights of all, reconciliation and love. All this as a good shepherd do, not expecting any reward.

Prayers

God in heaven we pray that through your mercies and grace, help us to be good shepherds of your flock.

Mother so loving, through your intercession, help us to be shepherds who care for all.

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ACKNOWLEDGING JESUS AS THE SON OF GOD

Matthew 16 vs13-23

Jesus rebuke of Peter for not accepting his impending suffering and death was a profound moment. Peter had just acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, and Jesus had named him the foundation of His Church. Yet, when Jesus spoke of His passion, Peter's fear led to a rejection of God's salvation plan, prompting Jesus to sharply correct him.

Fear, as Saint Thomas Aquinas notes, arises from the anticipation of future evils, causing paralysis. Peter's inability to accept the prospect of Jesus' suffering and death exemplified this fear. Jesus, however, corrected Peter out of love, urging him to embrace courage, acceptance, hope, and faith—virtues necessary to face the trials ahead.

Reflect on your fears and anxieties. Any foreseen suffering can lead to great good if we adopt a divine perspective. Trust in God's ability to transform all for good, and seek to view challenges through God's eyes. With faith, God will grant you peace, courage, and confidence to move forward.

Jesus is the promised Messiah who is God's Son, shining in glory. Yet, we also see, that he also had to die on a cross in order to fulfill everything God had promised to do.

The gospel enlightens everyone that **no matter what situation we are in as long as we acknowledge who Jesus is, we'll have the key to enter heaven.** He may often give us trials for us to question His existence but we must remember that He is Jesus Christ the Son of God. So when Messiah says on this rock I will build my church means that **when Messiah was crucified dead and buried for 3 days and 3 nights, He was for telling his death burial and resurrection and that He would make the believers the body!** Which is the church.

A living God is a dynamic God and not a static God whose clearest communication happened in the past. Jesus is the Messiah and the living God. Jesus, as Son of Man, means that God continues to speak and to act. God does not have to resurrect John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or any other prophet to speak.

Seen in this light, the words “lead us not into temptation” become more than just a prayer to be spared from testing and trial. They also serve as **an acknowledgement of God's power and omnipotence, as well as an admission of our own weakness and dependence.**

Prayers

Oh Lord for there is a great future ahead, give us the grace to be joyful in hope.

In spite of great difficulties surrounding us, strengthen us to be patient in affliction.

Empower us to be faithful in prayer.

Empower us as we build up capacity in prayer, in Jesus Mighty Name Amen

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OCTOBER 6, 2024

A WOMAN'S FAITH

(Mathew 15: 21-28 & Mark 7:24-30)

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To understand our topic very well, “A Woman’s Faith”, there is need to define what faith is. What is Faith?

The Bible contains a clear definition of faith in Hebrews 11:1: “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” This can be translated to mean trusting in something one cannot explicitly prove. Trusting in what you have not seen and cannot see. This is what we learn from the Biblical story of a woman’s faith. She didn’t know how Jesus would heal her daughter, send away demons from her, but she trusted that no matter what, Jesus can do it.

As Christians and followers of Christ, this gospel about a woman’s faith teaches us some lessons that can help build our faith stronger to always trust Jesus and look beyond our current situations.

From this Canaanite woman in the gospel according to Mathew and Mark, first we learn that this woman looked beyond her origin. The woman was a Gentile, and she begged Jesus to cast the demon out of her daughter. (Mark 4:26). Gentiles were seen like outcasts, and it was believed that Jesus came only to serve the children of Israel and not gentiles. This meant that her identity and history had disqualified her from being a partaker of the blessings and privileges that belonged to God's children. But through faith, she was able to break away from the limitations of her identity in search of answers for her troubled heart about the situation of her daughter.

How many times are we caught up in issues of identity which doesn't help, tribal issues, only tribe so and so are royal families and have the privilege to rule, such kind of division put other people down and don't give them the opportunity to benefit from the community's common resources. As Christians, the lesson here for us is that our past lifestyle, history or family background cannot stop Jesus from loving us.

And just like he gave room to the Canaanite woman to come before him, he is more than ready to welcome you and I into his presence.

The Canaanite woman discovered Jesus. The bible tells us that, Jesus entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell at his feet. (Mark 7:25). Jesus was on a quiet mission to the region of Tyre and Sidon and wanted to remain unnoticed. But then, a woman with a deeply rooted family problem discovers where he is and begs him to heal her daughter. Like this woman how many times, do you listen to the gospel about Jesus and his great work of mercy, and have you ever taken it upon yourself to discover for yourself the account you hear about Jesus in the gospel? Hearing the word of God is not enough, you and I need to take it upon ourselves to discover Jesus and experience his goodness and miracle working power in our daily lives.

The bible says that she heard of him and came before him. What she had heard about Jesus was convincing enough to persuade her to go discover him for herself. Many times, what we hear about God isn't enough God wants you to come to him and sit at his feet. The good news is that you can come as you are. Come with your needs, questions and burdens and sit at the feet of Jesus. Come and find out about the person of Jesus. Jesus doesn't discriminate at all; he is open to receive all who call unto his name with sincerity.

She interceded for her child. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to Him, crying out, "*Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession.*" Matthew 15:22. The book of Matthew gives us a more vivid picture of this mother's pain. She had a problem that affected the stability of her family. It was a condition that was mentally and emotionally draining. You can ask a mother caring for a challenged or sick child. Or a mother whose heart is crying for freedom and deliverance for a prodigal child, and you may just

understand this mother's pain. I align my pain to this Canaanite woman when my son because of drug abuse had to drop out of college and I took him to rehabilitation center, I called to Jesus with tears and true I can testify to his goodness my son is healed and by God's grace will start college again next month.

This Canaanite woman came crying before Jesus with the words – *“Lord, have mercy on me. My daughter is suffering terribly from demon possession”*. This was a deep cry for mercy as she stood in the gap for her daughter. We learn from this woman that, we should be intercessors for our families and children, be bold and go to Jesus to make your request to him and he will truly grand it to you in accordance with your faith. Faith is believing in what we cannot see, therefore have faith and believe in Jesus, that he can grand every request you make so long as you believe and trust that he can do it for you. The recipe for answered prayers is faith and trust. **Parents, most specially mothers, I have a question for you, have you given up so easily on that troubled, sick and**

straying child? Or will you come daily before the throne of God in deep intercession for that child?

The bible says this: Rise during the night and cry out. Pour out your hearts like water to the Lord. Lift your hands to him in prayer, pleading for your children, for in every street they faint with hunger. *Lamentations 2:19.*

In this life, many things will work to hold your child captive and try to derail him or her from his/her God-given destiny. But as a mother, you can pray consistently in faith and come before God to heal, deliver and protect your child's life. Let us take a cue from this Canaanite woman who said Lord, have mercy on me'. Whatever affected her child affected her too. Her daughter was helpless in her state, but she had a mother who interceded on her behalf for a miracle.

Today, you too can stand in the gap for that broken, weak, helpless child and remain steadfast in prayers for your prodigal child. Keep interceding in faith for a victory, miracle and complete turnaround in that child's

life. This is how you fight your battles at the feet of Jesus in prayers, worship and unbroken trust in his name.

The other lesson we learn from the Canaanite woman is that she was Resilient. Jesus did not answer a word. So, his disciples came to Him and urged Him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.” He answered, “I was only sent to the lost sheep of Israel.”- (Matthew 15:23-24). Even the disciples of Jesus asked him to send this woman away for her persistent cries. Yet this woman stood her ground and persevered through that struggle until she got her miracle. I can categorically say that this was strong, difficult to keep down, immoveable by the disciples’ threat to send her away, all these explains her resilience. In this woman’s trouble, she remained strong and refused to be kept down because of stereotypes and her identity. This woman is a true definition of the word resilience, she waited, and wait and even when she was ignored, she remained unmoved. And during a crisis, as this she was able to effectively manage her emotions and choose her

response carefully and calmly, she never lost her track, she remained focused on seeking healing for her daughter from Jesus.

She was a woman of great faith, but she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” (Mark 7:27-30). Her words give us insight into her faith. She said that she was willing to feed from the crumbs of healing and provisions that fell from the children’s table. In other words, yes, my lord, even those who are unworthy can still pick from the leftovers of the children and be satisfied. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1. The Canaanite woman saw beyond what the ordinary eyes could see. Her faith propelled her, brought her before Jesus and made her speak the right words in his presence. That faith gave her back her family in a restored state. This woman displayed such great faith that is still spoken about many years after her departure. Her faith kept her and

changed her story. The lesson here is that never let wrong ideologies, limitations, the past or your history stop you from going after your miracle. Anything is possible for him/her that believes. God is still in the business of rewriting stories, he did it for Mary Magdalene, for this Canaanite woman and can still do it for you today. Whatsoever difficult situation you and your family are going through, stand firm in faith and don't give up. And even when the answer you seek does not look like what you have been praying for, keep your eyes on God and trust in his unfailing love for you.

The woman we are talking about was humble. But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell at his feet. Mark 7:25, the bible says this woman came and fell down at Jesus feet. She took away her pride and bowed before him. She had never met him but was able to recognize him as Lord. And she was still not ashamed before Jesus despite his rejecting response to her. A humble heart listens, a humble heart is teachable and a humble heart respects authority. And even when Jesus

said the children's meal cannot be given to dogs, she did not let her emotions dictate her response. Anger would have been the fastest response to the words of Jesus, but no her humility became a pathway to her miracle.

- **Is your pride limiting you from stepping into the blessings God has prepared for you today?**
- **What does your response look like in moments of distress and times of difficulties/ hardships?**

She was full of love. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. We see these attributes in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Love is commitment. Love is sacrifice. Love believes, hopes, endures and never gives up. Love kept this woman and love enabled her to hold on and kept believing in faith for her sick child. Love was her driving force. A deep-rooted love for her child and

family drove her before the feet of Jesus for answers. Love is much more than the feelings and emotions. It is what will keep you standing during adversity and compel you to stay consistent in prayer for your children. Love helped her to keep standing in the gap for her troubled daughter and love restored and gave her back her family whole and restored.

The woman was also full of wisdom. To have heard of Jesus meant she had access to the right kind of information. And because of this wisdom, she refused to murmur, complain or be bitter about her suffering. There is no record of her speaking any negative word about her challenge and daughter's condition. She watched her words and spoke only when necessary. And we can see that it was only when she came before Jesus that she revealed and released her burdens before him. May God give us the wisdom to speak right and fill our hearts with a deep love for our families.

As we conclude our reflection, we learn that a woman who was of Greek origin came and received the

blessings that belonged to the Jews. She came with a heavy burden before Jesus and her words gave her a testimony. Her persistence and great faith gave her the miracle she yearned for. “And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.” Mark 7:30. In this woman’s suffering, victory was revealed. During her confusion, she found peace for her troubled heart. In the troubled places of her life, she remained calm and sat at the feet of Jesus. And in her persistence, she received a miracle for her daughter. Where and who do you run to in times of distress and when the challenges of life come? As Christians and followers of Christ, we must learn to get peace of mind, victory, success and healing at the feet of Jesus in prayer.

Prayers

Abba Father in Heaven, I pray that today, you will give us faith that is strong, resilient and persistent like that faith of the Canaanite woman we have reflected about her story.

Merciful God, help us to always discover you and come to your presence with all our burdens to lay them at your feet in humility and full trust in your mercy.

Lord Jesus, help all mothers to be intercessors for their families, children and their community, give them Lord the patient that the Canaanite woman had, to stand in the gap for their children without giving up at all.

God of love and wisdom, may you fill our hearts with your love and wisdom, to always guide our steps in life, and keep us calm and wise during troubles and suffering, and keep us hopeful, believing and trusting that you will always answer no matter what.

Faithful God, may you give us the grace to rise above our differences, tribes, historical back ground and all

limitations to trust that you are the God of all nations and all peoples, and that you love all people without any discrimination and that we too many love all people and serve them all for your sake.

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“LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?”

John 6:68-69

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In the Gospel of John, Peter's response to Jesus, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God" (John 6:68-69), captures a profound moment of faith and commitment. This declaration comes after a challenging teaching by Jesus that caused many of His followers to turn away. Yet, Peter, representing the disciples, recognizes that despite the difficulty, there is no alternative source of truth, life, or salvation outside of Jesus.

Peter's words resonate deeply with the message found in Habakkuk 3:17-19, where the prophet declares his unwavering faith in God despite dire circumstances:

"Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines,

Though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food,

Though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls,

Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Saviour.

The Sovereign Lord is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer,

He enables me to tread on the heights."

Habakkuk expresses a steadfast trust in God that is not dependent on external blessings or visible signs of prosperity. His faith is rooted in the character and

sovereignty of God, much like Peter's declaration of faith in Jesus, even when others falter.

Both passages emphasize that our faith should not be contingent on circumstances or the ease of understanding God's ways. There are moments in life when following Christ demands a deep trust that goes beyond human logic and visible evidence. In such times, we are faced with the same question Peter posed: "To whom shall we go?" The world offers many alternatives—comfort, success, or self-reliance—but none can provide the eternal life and true peace that Christ offers.

Habakkuk's declaration reminds us that even in the absence of material blessings or when facing severe trials, joy and strength are found in God alone. Peter's

confession similarly affirms that Jesus is the ultimate source of life and truth.

Together, these scriptures challenge us to anchor our faith not in what we see or experience but in the unchanging nature of God and the eternal words of Christ.

When we face challenges, doubts, or the temptation to turn away, may we, like Peter, recognize that Jesus alone has the words of eternal life, and may we, like Habakkuk, find our joy and strength in God, regardless of our circumstances. There is no other source of hope, peace, and salvation. The answer to "To whom shall we go?" is clear: we go to the Lord, our Saviour, and our strength.

Prayers

Let us pray for a steadfast love, faith and trust in God especially when we are faced with trials and difficulties in life.

Let us pray for those who have gone astray as a result of life's challenges that like Peter they will realise that true happiness and fulfilment can only be found in Jesus.

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ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH

By May Maloba (Kenya)

In the Bible, Jesus Christ is referred to as a "rock" in many ways, including as the "Rock of Ages" the "Rock of Salvation" God the rock, And God the redeemer (Psalm 78:35). built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord (Ephesians 2:20-22). "I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, listens to my words, and acts on them. That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when the flood came, the river burst against that house but could not shake it because it had been well built." Luke 6:47-48

What does your foundation look like? Is it solid rock? Or is it sand? This Gospel passage reveals the importance of a solid foundation for life. A foundation is not often thought about or worried about unless it gives way. This is important to reflect upon. When a

foundation is solid it often goes unnoticed and there is little concern during storms at any time.

In the book of Matthew 16:18). **18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.** After Jesus declares that God the Father had revealed the truth to Peter, He says, “You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church” All 12 apostles were present, but Jesus promises to build His Church upon Peter the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Peter was chosen when Jesus asked his disciples who the people thought he was. Then he asked the disciples who they thought he was. Saint Peter answered Jesus without hesitation, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God”. Would that our own faith be that strong. Christ recognized his deep faith and love for him when he said: “Blessed are you, Simon’s son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so, I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven.

Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

It's amazing how Jesus told Saint Peter that the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it, because it hasn't for the past 2,014 years. The church has been persecuted, was responsible for things in history that was wrong, even the devil attempted to infiltrate our church but he has not succeeded in destroying it.

In the gospel we read, “Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” These words are the basis of the priest's ability to forgive sins through the sacrament of confession. This verse in scripture clearly states that our priests have been given this authority. Saint Peter was made the first leader (pope) of the Catholic church, because Jesus himself gave Saint Peter this power, position and authority, especially for the binding and loosening of sins, marriages and leadership of his church. Sometimes human beings can not forgive, or hold a grudge and sometimes people feel like they have to live with their sins the rest of their

lives. What they did was so terrible it could never be forgiven. Even if this is true with human beings sometimes, it is never true with Jesus Christ. It is such a healing thing to hear the priest absolve you of your sins and be given a fresh start in life again.

Saint Peter has a few words of advice for those he has put in charge of his people. These words are very beautiful, tender and full of love for God's people. "Tend the flock of God in your midst...do not lord it over those assigned to you, but be examples to the flock." Jesus is installing Peter as a form of chief steward or prime minister under the King of Kings by giving him the keys to the kingdom. As can be seen in Isaiah 22:22, kings in the Old Testament appointed a chief steward to serve under them in a position of great authority to rule over the inhabitants of the kingdom. Jesus quotes almost verbatim from this passage in Isaiah, and so it is clear what he has in mind. He is raising Peter up as a father figure to the household of faith (Isa. 22:21), to lead them and guide the flock (John 21:15-17).

Three essential declarations that Jesus makes concerning Peter, each of which is followed by a longer explanation that unpacks the declaration made: It's The structure, it becomes clear that the phrase "and on this rock" must refer to Peter

1. Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona (v.15) 1a. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you (v.17a)1b. By my Father who is in heaven (v.17b).2. And I tell you, you are Peter (v.18a)2a. And on this rock I will build my Church (v.18b)2b. And the gates of hades shall not prevail against it (v.18c).3. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven (v.19a)3a. And whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven (v.19b)3b. And whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven (v.19c).
2. The keys symbolize Christ's authority over the Kingdom of Heaven, thus Jesus is establishing Peter as the Church's first pope. Jesus goes on to build Peter up even more by saying: I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in

heaven (Mt 16:20). Jesus established Peter as pope and promised that the Church would persevere until the end

Like Peter can have confidence in our spiritual foundation. We are called to have deep faith grounded in prayer and sacrament of confession. Our foundation is our daily communication with Christ. In that prayer, Jesus Himself becomes the foundation for our life, and when He is the foundation of our life, nothing can harm us and nothing can keep us from fulfilling our mission in life.

Contrast this with a weak foundation. A weak foundation is one that relies upon oneself as the source of stability and strength in times of hardship. But the truth is that none of us are strong enough to be our own foundation. Those who attempt this approach are fools who learn the hard way that they cannot endure any storm life throws at them. therefore, that the Catholic Church, gives voice to God's will on earth, the Church that Christ established, Jesus said The gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Prayer

Pray that God would be glorified in all things and that the name of Jesus Christ crucified is exalted.

Pray that the holy Spirit of God and power would fill the church in this hard times and open faithful eyes to recognize Christ mission for the true church

Through intercession of Mary mother of God and the church, Grant, us the graces to help us be the rock of the church, family and friends, for the poor and abandoned, and all the dying.

Recommit yourself to a life of deep prayer so that Christ Jesus will be the solid rock foundation of your life.” Lord, you are my rock and my strength. You alone support me through all things in life. Help me to rely upon You even more, so that I may daily accomplish all that You call me to do. Jesus, I trust in You.”

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I WILL GO BACK TO MY FATHER

Luke 15: 11-32

By Mary Isabella (Lagos Nigeria.)

At a point in man's life God decided to give man another opportunity. In doing that God sent Jesus His only begotten son to take away the condemnation placed on man by His death on the cross.

The offspring of God's creation, Adam and Eve lived in the Garden of Eden under the protective custody of God the Father. They enjoyed glorious experience until the sin of disobedience made them lose God's glory. Consequently, death (curse) and problems associated with sin entered into the world due to God's pronouncement. They were driven out of the Garden of

Eden. God now provides a condition that anyone who believes in the death and resurrection of Jesus will have eternal life. As the scripture says, for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in him will not perish but have everlasting life [John 3:16].

Jesus did not only provide hope for eternal life but also assured glorious manifestation of God's power on those who believe in him. The question now is, how would one reciprocate this love? The answer is by going back to God. The totality of your life should radiate God. You should strive to make the totality of all that surrounds your life to be controlled by God Almighty. This implies that you should strive to seek God's will instead of self will for your life.

In this passage you can figure out how the prodigal son decided to go back to the father after wandering like a sheep without a shepherd. He took a wonderful decision by going back to the father who is able and capable of providing all that he needs. Going back to the father requires intensive preparation of the soul. How prepared are you to welcome the salvation which is provided freely by God the father? Intensive preparation involves practicing the spiritual virtues of love faith, charity, kindness, justice, self-control, holiness and other gifts of the Holy Spirit in your life. No matter your status in the society, if God does not have a place in your life, you are in crisis and your status has no value. Although the opportunity of going back to the father is provided until the final breath, it is dangerous if one does not grab the opportunity when it

presents itself just like the prodigal son did in Luke 15:11-32.

Delay might be dangerous! The decision of going back to the Father Almighty the maker of your life, believing in him and his omnipotent power is a life time decision. The opportunity to go back to the father is a decision that is available to everyone at some point or the other. You can only go back to God by grace, which was provided by our lord Jesus Christ the saviour of the world.

You require faith, trust and confidence in God before this decision could be taken. Going back to the father is a thing of joy and happiness. It is not the wish of God that any soul should perish but rather come to right understanding with him. There is joy in heaven when a sinner repents and comes back to God, (Luke 15:7).

You can only go back to God by telling yourself the truth. You have to frequently remind yourself that this world is not a permanent home. It is a thing of telling yourself the truth that you are sinful. The word of God says that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God [Roman's 3:23].

You can only go back to God when you desire to have God in your life. When you come out from the slavery of sin and go back to God Almighty, you will no longer be under the grip, manipulation and dominion of Satan. The scripture says that if the son therefore shall sets you free, you are free indeed [John 8:36]. Dear child of God, make a decision to come back to God for without Him you are nothing.

Prayers

O God the creator of my life, I accept Jesus Christ in my life as my Lord and Saviour.

I accept that Jesus died on the cross to save me from sin and give me hope of eternal life.

I acknowledge that I am a sinner and I hereby renounce every attachment of sin, sinful habits and occasions that cause me to sin against you. Please forgive me Lord Jesus.

I plead the blood that you shed on the cross of Calvary to wash away my sins.

I welcome you in my life. I desire to be under your protective custody and need your unlimited favour that will enable me overcome trials in this end time in Jesus mighty name I pray, Amen.

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MOTIVATION THE "WORTHY WALK"

Sandra St Ange

"Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called.

This passage starts with "therefore," and hopefully, you know the simple golden rule: anytime you see a "therefore" in Scripture, ask yourself what it is there for. So, what is this "therefore"? It is based entirely on everything that has been said. He is going to discuss how we should respond to all that has been done. Many men, clergymen, and religious people make the walk of the Christian life both the starting and finishing line for their time and energy, telling people what they should do and not do. Obviously, there is a place for that, but it comes after the believer has a firm grasp on their rock-solid position in Christ. In other words, "doing" comes from living in His "done." One can only walk in

a manner that is worthy of their calling and the position that the Lord has placed them in.

We should try to understand what this means as we continue, but for simplicity, let's break it down into law, love, and life.

With that come fear and guilt. Some believe that God operates on a "shape up or ship out" principle, thinking that if they don't tidy up their act, they could lose their salvation or something bad will happen to them. While a reverential fear (that is, reverence for God) is crucial in the Christian life, fear in terms of being afraid of God doesn't provide a platform for growth as a Christian. The guilt that comes from failing to live up to the demands of the law also isn't a good basis or motivation for living the Christian life. That just leads to a roller coaster, taking its toll and not being sustained.

Some are motivated by God's love, and so we should be. We saw in the previous study that the love of Christ controls us (2 Corinthians 5:15). Paul's direction to

walk worthy in this verse is based on their calling by God and His love for them. But is love alone enough? Is it enough to overcome your fleshly nature that doesn't like walking in God's ways? We may be motivated by what Jesus did for us, but don't underestimate the strength of the unchanging nature within you that wants to do things your own way.

Some are motivated by God's love and empowered by His life. That is, they have died to self in the true sense of dying to their ability to live the Christian life without Him. They are motivated by who He is. They know that even a command to walk in a godly manner will fail without God Himself being the source of their strength to carry out what He has asked.

Prayers

Dear Lord, thank You, thank You, and thank You. Thank You for the opportunity to know You, to walk with You, and to talk to You. Help me to be more loving and more kind to my fellow man. By my

example, help me to draw others closer to You. In Jesus' mighty name, I pray. Amen.

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THE LORD OUR ROCK, OUR FORTRESS, AND OUR DELIVERER

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David’s Song of Praise

22 David sang to the Lord the words of this song when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. 2 He said:

“The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer;

3 my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield[a] and the horn[b] of my salvation.

He is my stronghold, my refuge, and my savior—
from violent people you save me.

4 “I called to the Lord, who is worthy of praise,
and have been saved from my enemies.

5 The waves of death swirled about me;
the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me.

6 The cords of the grave coiled around me;

the snares of death confronted me.
7 “In my distress I called to the Lord;
I called out to my God.
From his temple, he heard my voice;
my cry came to his ears.

David sang this song after being delivered from his enemies. What song do we sing to God after being delivered from the trials we encounter in our lives? Everyone goes through situations in life where they need God’s intervention—whether spiritual, physical, emotional, or financial. Like David (2 Samuel 22:4), we can call on the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and He will save us from our enemies and even from our turmoil.

For us to sing to God, we need to define and understand who God is in our lives because who He is determines how we approach Him and under what circumstances. It also determines whom we credit for our victories.

God is our rock, so we are built on a firm foundation. This is very important because the foundation provides stability and strength, especially when tempests are strong in our lives. Sometimes the challenges we face are overwhelming, but with Jesus Christ as our foundation, we can be certain that the phase of turmoil will pass and leave us intact and standing. If we have a shaky foundation, our lives would be shaky. Let us build our foundation on Jesus to remain strong and standing regardless of the storms that surround us. With Jesus as our foundation, we can smile in the storm.

God is our fortress, so we are well-secured from all darts that could be sent our way by the evil one and his minions. The fortress secures us from all external forces that could harm us. God, as our fortress, secures us from all external forces that could violate our peace, both known and unknown. In God, we are protected; He fights for us and watches over us. Living according to God's divine will assures us of His protection.

In the fortress, we find refuge, so we are safe and sheltered from pursuit, danger, or difficulty. We can

run to God and trust Him with our fears, anxieties, concerns, and all of our emotions because they are safe with Him. Whenever we feel overwhelmed or threatened, let us run to our place of refuge and safety. In God, our refuge, we have a place of rest, relief, and safety.

God is our deliverer. He delivers us from the hands of our enemies, especially those who are stronger than we are. We are in a real struggle, a battle waged against us by Satan. In our distress, let us call on God, who will hear from His temple.

Prayers

Almighty Father, we thank You, praise You, and adore You for the many times You have intervened in our lives. You have been our firm foundation, which is why we still stand even after going through many difficult situations. You have always protected us from our enemies, even from dangers we did not know existed.

Thank You for being our refuge where we can find rest, relief, and safety. We declare that You, the Lord, are our rock, our fortress, and our deliverer. Even

when the waves of death swirl about us, the torrents of destruction overwhelm us, the cords of the grave coil around us, and the snares of death confront us, under Your protection and watch, we will be secure.

Hear our cry as we call upon You. We trust you and surrender ourselves to You. Amen.

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FAMILY YOUR FIRST PRIORITY

1 Timothy 5:8.

By Izuchukwu Chinyelu - Nigeria

Family is the smallest unit of life. It is a group of people related by blood. Family is made up of father, mother and children. It is either nuclear or extended family. Family is a domestic church. Church begins in a family. God is the founder of the family. One cannot talk about family without talking about marriage, they go hand in hand.

Marriage is a gift and a divine call, it is not for everybody. God Himself is the founder of Marriage (Gen 2:24) It says "That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united with his wife and they become

one". The Bible says a man leaves and not the other way round.

Let me shock you, there's no perfect marriage or already made marriage as some people say. Marriage means manage your partner, stop looking for perfect marriages because there's nothing like that, don't be deceived by what we see on television today. All you need is to work on your marriages, if you know what your partner doesn't like then try to avoid it and learn to accommodate and tolerate your partner's with humility and patience for peace to reign. It is not easy but by His grace it's easy.

Qualities of a good Marriage

1. There must be an agreement between the two parties.
(Amos 3:3)

2.Marriage must not be by deceit

3.There must be consummation of marriage.

Roles of Father in the family

1.He must love just like Christ (Ephesians.5:25-33)

2.He must sacrifice for the family.

3.He provides for the family.

Roles of a mother

1.She takes care of the home

2.She maintain orderliness in the home

3.She makes home a place of rest

4.She makes the home attractive.

5.She controls her tongue imitating our Mother Mary.

6. She must be an industrious woman Proverbs 31:10-31.

7. She must be a helper.

Roles of Children

1. They must obey their parents (Ephesians 6:1-3) so that it may go well with you

2. They run errands for their parents

3. Help in domestic chores.

Problems facing the family

1. Infidelity (Gen 16:1-4) - impatient destroys the family.

2. Poverty

3. Anger

4. Sex (Gen.2:25).

5. Bringing up a child.

As a Christian you need to understand that your family is your first church and your ministry starts in your family. There is need for every family to be established with the Fear of God. We should imitate the family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus Christ. Mary the mother of God was humble and patience in her dealings with the family, she ponders in her heart what the angel told her about Christ.

Family is a life-time work and assignments and the role you have is an exclusive one God has just given you. If

you are married, God has chosen you particularly to take care of your spouse and any child born in the family and on the last day, you must give account of how you answered that call. You are the only one entrusted with that assignment. As a man loving your wife in the family should be your priority and as a woman, being submissive to your husband cannot be exchanged with any religious routine. The same for your children, you must take care of them spiritually, physically and academically with the help and wisdom of God, we can do it well.

In conclusion, do your best in praying and reading the word of God. In sacrificing for the family, we should do it quietly and patiently. We pray that God will grant us the grace to always make our family first priority

and help us to love each other fervently, we make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

Prayers

Pray for your family.

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IF YOU DON'T BECOME LIKE THE LITTLE CHILDREN

Matthew 19:13 - 15

By Sr. Daniela Farcas – Nigeria

In this Scripture passage, I am reminded once again of the importance of being like little children, that is: in simplicity, humility, innocence and dependence and trust in God and Him alone to inherit the Kingdom of God. This must be my priority for being brought into this life.

I must not, however, forget that vulnerability remains an aspect of being a childlike, little, innocent, and defend less...Our journey as children of God begins with the attitude and virtue of living sincerely in love and only be childlike, we can achieve this; there is not any other way. Today I am called once again to return

to my childhood virtues and become a child of God once more.

God wants us to be perfect. That is why He asked us to be perfect as the children in their innocence. To be perfect is to welcome the invitation of Jesus: to repent, renounce of all our sins and avoiding them, limitations, arrogance, pride, envy... We should try to shake off of all our reality of sin in our lives that we have been committing against God and against our brothers and sisters and make a new heart and a new spirit that can accommodate God into our lives.

This Gospel is very brief but very strong, deep and demanding: only three verses. The Gospel describes how Jesus accepts the children: In Mt.19:13: The attitude of the disciples concerning the children. People brought little children to Jesus, for

Him to lay His hands on them and pray. Children were, as they were not long ago, kept to themselves. “Seen and not heard” as the saying goes. As has been said before, they were the insignificant of society. This was different than the laws of purity where it was important to avoid people getting close to Him and touching Him. It already had happened one time, when a leper touched Jesus. Jesus became unclean, impure and could no longer enter the city. He had to remain in deserted places (Mk 1:4-45).

In Mt.19:14-15: Jesus’ attitude: He accepts and defends the life of the children. Jesus reproved the disciples and said, “*Let the little children alone, and do not stop them from coming to Me, for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of Heaven belongs.*” Jesus does not care about transgressing the norms which prevent

fraternity and acceptance to be given to the little ones. The new experience of God the Father has marked the life of Jesus and gives Him new eyes to perceive and to value the relationships among people. Jesus gets on the side of the little ones, of the excluded, and takes on their defense. It is impressive when we see everything which the Bible says regarding the attitudes of Jesus in defense of the life of the children, of the little ones.

To give thanks for the Kingdom present in the little ones. Jesus' joy is great when He sees that the children, the little ones, understand the things of the Kingdom which He announced to the people. "*Father, I thank You!*" (Mt. 11:25-26) Jesus recognizes that the little ones understand more about the things of the Kingdom than the doctors!

To defend the right to shout or cry out. When Jesus entered the Temple, He upset the tables of the money changers, and the children were those who shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” (Mt 21:15). Criticized by the high priests and the Scribes, Jesus defends them and in His defense He recalls the Scriptures (Mt 21:16).

To identify with the little ones. Jesus embraces the little ones and identifies Himself with them. Anyone who accepts a little one accepts Jesus (Mk. 9:37). *“Insofar as you have done it to one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did it to Me”*. (Mt 25:40).

To accept and not to scandalize. One of the hardest words of Jesus is against those who are a cause of scandal for the little ones, that is, who are the reason why the little ones no longer believe in God. Because of this, it would have been better for them to be thrown

into the sea with a millstone around their neck (Lk 17:1-2; Mt 18:5-7). Jesus condemns the system, both the political one as well as the religious one, which causes the little ones, the humble people, to lose faith in God.

To become like children. Jesus asks His disciples to become like children and to accept the Kingdom as children do. Without this, it is impossible to enter the Kingdom (Lk 9:46-48). It indicates that the children are teachers of the adults. That was not normal. We are accustomed to the contrary. This seems to be a contradiction but that's the reality of the language and the mentality of the Kingdom of God.

We ask for God's grace to achieve our purpose of life in whatever we do in order to be welcomed by God into

His Heavenly Paradise where we shall rejoice with all the angels and saints in Heaven.

Prayers

Almighty and ever-living God, Your Spirit made us to be Your children, confident to call You Father. Increase Your Spirit within us and bring us to our promised inheritance. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Eternal and powerful God continue to bless all children all over the world, particularly those who are crying, who are hungry, thirsty, vulnerable, abused in various ways. Bless them with generous and kind people who will come to their rescue.

God our Father give us a childlike heart, purify us of everything that is not of You, make us innocent like little children, we trust in Your powerful grace, make us holy as You are holy and perfect. Amen.

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TESTS IN LIFE

Genesis 39:1-23, 1st Corinthians 10:13, Ephesians 4:17-19, Mathew 5:16.

By Tusi Tome (Kenya)

In life, we face numerous challenges, some of which strengthen us and others that test our faith. Temptations can arise, prompting us to become more prayerful and resilient. Our God, as stated in 1 Corinthians 10:13, will not bring us temptations beyond what we can bear and will provide a way out so that we can stand firm.

To remain pure, we must learn to resist temptations by all means. The story of Joseph in Genesis 39:1-23 serves as an example. Despite being loyal and successful in Potiphar's household, Joseph faced temptation from Potiphar's wife. He resisted both verbally (Genesis 39:9) and physically (Genesis 39:12). This teaches us that overcoming temptation

requires not only prayer but also physical rejection through spoken words, actions, and self-control.

We can avoid temptations by not observing things that may lure us into evil, such as romantic novels, ungodly movies, or pornographic materials. Joseph's pure heart and good motives enabled him to resist temptation. Let us learn from his example to please God rather than our own lustful desires and gains. Remember, sinning is against God's will.

Prayers

May Almighty God help us to stop lustful desires and repent before they lead us to commit more sins.

May our Mother Mary intercede for us to resist temptations.

May we not live like the gentiles, indulging in every kind of impurity with a continual lust for more (Ephesians 4:17-19).

May God's grace help us to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:16).

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CHRISTIANS DO GOOD

2nd Thessalonians 3:13

By Linda Opara (Nigeria)

In St. Paul's letter to Titus, he concludes by telling him; "Our people must learn to spend their time doing good, in order to provide for real needs, they should not live useless lives."

Also, in 2nd Thessalonians 3:13, it says, you must not get tired of doing good.

In our society today, it's safe to say that, it's difficult to do good, because, we sometimes find ourselves in situations where our acts of kindness, our good deeds, lead us to trouble or exposes us to vulnerable situations. Then we stick with the narrative that it's best never to be in such situations again, we decide to mind our business and never help anyone again. We forget that regardless of how good and kind our God and Heavenly Father has been to us, we still sometimes hurt

him by living/acting in sin, yet He never changes his goodness towards us and we as his followers have to reflect his character here on earth in order to be true heirs of the kingdom.

In the scriptures, we are constantly reminded of the importance of doing good, being kind and merciful to others because that's how we reflect Gods kindness. St. Paul told Titus and is telling us today that those who believe in God concern themselves with doing good deeds that are useful to everyone. He said in his letter to the Thessalonians; "You must not get tired of doing good". In Hebrews 13:16 we are told to not forget to do good and to help one another, because these are sacrifices that please God. 1st Peter 2:15 says God wants you to silence the ignorant talk of foolish people by the good you do. In verse 20 it says "if we endure suffering when we have done right, God will bless us for it.

When doing good expect nothing from your fellow man and focus only on God. When doing, apply

wisdom so you can protect yourself from the deception and other devices of the evil ones.

Think about this, being a follower of Christ preserves our morals and our good deeds (works of mercy) elevates our status. Be encouraged today, to never get tired of doing good deeds like our Heavenly Father.

Reflect on:

Hebrews 13: 16

2nd Peter 1:5-7

Prayers

Pray as the spirit leads.

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**"CHOSEN AND CALLED; A ROYAL IDENTITY
IN CHRIST."**

1peter 2:9

By Jerome Mugisha (Uganda)

"But you are chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possessions, that you may declare the promises of Him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." 1peter 2:9.

This verse emphasizes the unique and privilege position of believers:

1. Chosen people: Believers are specifically chosen by God, which conveys a sense of purpose and belonging. This chosen status implies a special relationship with God marked by His favour and grace.
2. Royal priesthood: This term combines the ideas of royal and priesthood, indicating the believers have both dignity and responsibility. They are called to serve and mediate between God and others, reflecting his character and love.

3. Holy nation: Holiness here signifies being set apart for God's purpose. As holy nation believers are called to live in a way that honors God, embodying his values and principles.

4. God's special possession: This denotes that believers are treasured by God. They are valued and loved which provides comfort and motivation to live according to his will.

5. Declare His praises: The purpose of this special status to proclaim God's goodness and works. Believers are called to witness His transformative power and grace.

6. Called out of darkness: This phase speaks of the transformation from life of sin and ignorance, to one of enlightenment and righteous. It highlights God's initiative in rescue ingredients and redeeming his people.

7. Into His wonderful light: Light represents truth, purity and revelation. Being brought into God's light means living in truth, experiencing his guidance and blessings. This will inspire believers to embrace their identity in Christ, live out their calling, purpose and

activity to share the message of God's love and redemption.

Prayers

Prayer of Gratitude for identity: Heavenly Father, thank you for choosing me as part of your royal priesthood and Holy nation, I am grateful for your love and identity you have given me in Christ. Help me to live out this calling with grace and humility, reflecting your light to those around me. Amen

Prayer for guidance and strength: Lord, guide me as I seek to live as Your special possession. Strengthen me to fulfill the responsibilities that come with being part of your chosen people. Let your light shine through me so that others may see your goodness and be drawn to you. Amen.

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HOW CAN WE LIVE A LIFE THAT IS TRULY THANKFUL?

Luke 17:11-19

By Frances Ogbonna (Lagos, Nigeria)

Thanksgiving is a way of life for all who are members of God's family. We can be thankful for there is no end to God's goodness. We are assured of His faithfulness to us and all our concerns.

Primarily, we must consider the depth of our greatest blessing. The miraculous healing of the leper in Luke 17 is remarkable, 'to see such a disease immediately healed in anyone's life is nothing short of awesome.' Yet, when we accept Jesus Christ as our Savior we are healed even more completely. We were eternally disconnected from God by our sins, but Jesus has made forgiveness possible through His obedient sacrifice at Calvary.

We need to make thanks giving a priority in our lives. The leper did not wait to come back to Jesus when it was convenient or after he had visited the priest as instructed by our Lord. He went immediately to Jesus. His healing was not from the priest, and he knew it. Thus, he returned to the only one worthy of his worship and thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving should be offered from the out-pouring of our hearts. There was intensity in the leper's worship because he knew of his inability to secure for himself the healing he needed.

How much more wonderful is the eternal healing for those who follow Christ? Let our thanksgiving be intense celebration of Christ, who healed our direst disease when we could not.

We must be consistent in our thanksgiving. The more intentional we are about giving thanks to God, the easier it becomes to see His blessings in our lives. The very reason we are repeatedly commanded in the Bible

to be thankful regardless of our temporal circumstances.

No one can bless us like our Heavenly Father. Let us be diligent in thanking Him for His grace and goodness.

Living a life of thanksgiving re-orientes us to the center of all things. Thanksgiving magnifies God, it makes Him great in the sense of declaring His greatness. It gives Him the glory that He deserves. It exalts Him as the source of every good thing we enjoy. In the process, thanksgiving centers our attention on God's character and works as the great realities in the universe. It re-orientes us to the world. It delivers us from any delusion that we are self-made people or that we get to determine how life works as it ricocheted at the leper after his healing.

When we offer thanksgiving, it advances our sanctification. Several New Testament passages urge us to nurture thanksgiving not just because it's a duty

but because it promotes our growth in godliness. Expressing our gratitude to the Lord keeps us alert as we pray. We are motivated to keep seeking Him for His blessings as we echo the blessings He has already bestowed.

Thus, our failure to honor God as Creator and to thank Him for His good gifts incapacitates us spiritually and morally. We could therefore, call thanklessness a root sin. Thanksgiving is a root virtue, one from which other virtuous attitudes and actions flow.

Thanksgiving postures us as creatures. By thanking God, we are acknowledging that we are beholden to Him for everything. We are reminded of our dependence on Him. Furthermore, we are reminded that we belong to God. Like the leper, this moves us to renew our submission to Him.

If gratitude for God's goodness dominates our hearts, so that we offer thanks from the out-pouring of our hearts, it's bit hard to lean towards complaining or

bitterness or pride or lust. Thanksgiving has a way of pushing out fleshly impulses and stoking our desire to honor our Father through our choices as well as our words.

Worthy of note then that the Bible reveals that the Lord uses gratitude characterized prayers to remove anxiety from our hearts and to minister His peace to us.

Prayers

God, the greatest blessing we have ever and will ever receive is Your forgiveness. Thank you, Jesus. Help us to always give the praise due to You.

May the word of the Lord strengthen our devotion and inspire us to practice gratitude in life.

Lord, help us experience the relationship between thanksgiving and unity in Your church as praising Christ has the power to bind us closer together and to dispel those things that pull us apartAmen!!!!

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JESUS HEALS A MAN WITH LEPROSY.

Luke 5:12-16

By Mary Noel (Kenya)

12 While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy.[a] When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.”

13 Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” And immediately the leprosy left him.

14 Then Jesus ordered him, “Don’t tell anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.”

15 Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses.

16 But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

Reflection

The touch of Jesus in our lives can change our situations. In life we are overwhelmed with the with different kinds of situations which just like leprosy secludes us from the touch of other people. We are invited to call Jesus and allow Him to touch the various leprous situation in our lives.

The Touch of Jesus;

1. Transforms.; Jesus touch transform our situation and makes us worthy to live again.

2. Restores.; Jesus touch restored all that is lost and brings back life in our dead situations.

3. Gives us rest; the touch of Jesus relieves us of the burden that the leprous situation brings our way.

4. Heals; when we experience JESUS's touch we heal of our infirmities.

For us to experience Jesus touch we have to have the courage to face him, we have to look for him and avoid seclusion and we have to break through the barriers.

We have to approach Jesus with humility and ask him to touch us and make us whole.

We have to pray, We have to seek God's face without failing.

We must have faith that whatever we ask will be granted unto us.

Prayers

Let's ask Jesus to touch our leprous situation.

Pray that we may always have the courage to face him no matter the obstacles that come our way.

Frequent the eucharistic JESUS in the adoration chapels.

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LOVE OF GOD

1 John 3:1

God lavished His Love on us that is why we are called children of God.

The world does not know us because they don't know God, We should purify ourselves to be worthy and pure. To sin is to break the law of God, when He appears, He will take away our sins. As children of God we should not let anyone lead us astray. The Son of God came to destroy the devil, any one who does not do what is right is not a child of God but of devil.

Love One Another;

We should love one another and not be like Cain who killed his brother because his action was evil and his brother righteous. We should not be surprised if the world hates us. Jesus laid His life for us we should lay down

our life for our brothers too. Our love should be filled with action and truth not with empty words .

Test The Spirit;

We should not believe every spirit but test the spirit to know if they are from God. There are many false spirits in the world. This is how to recognise the spirit of God. Every spirit that acknowledged that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God is a spirit of God Any one who opposes the above is not from God but antichrist. As children of God, we have to overcome the antichrist because the one with us is greater than the one in the world.

We are children of God and any one who knows God will listens to us.

God's Love And Ours—

Every one who is spirit filled is a child of God. He loves God and his fellow brothers. God showed His love to us by sending His one and only son into the world to save us. As children of God we should love one another as God loves us. God is love and who ever lives in God and God in him is a child of God .If anyone hates his brother and says that he loves God is a liar.

Faith In The Son Of God.—

Believing that Jesus Christ is Son God and accepting God's commandments makes us children of God. The Holy spirit testifies that Jesus is from God. To have internal life we must believe in the son of God. He gives us the confidence in God that any thing we ask according to His will .He will do it for us .if one sees his brother committing sin, he should pray for him so

that God will forgive him and will also repent by following God's ways.

In conclusion we know that Jesus Christ the Son will give us understanding to follow and obey Him in truth and love.

Prayers

We pray that God will give us the Grace to, love Him love our brothers and have faith in God.

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THE CALL OF JEREMIAH

Jeremiah (1:5)

Tessy Chukwudebelu (Nigeria)

“I chose you before I gave you life, and before you were born, I selected you to be a prophet to the Nations.” Jeremiah (1:5): Good news bible.

Each and every one of us, as living beings, has a particular mission entrusted to him or her to be fulfilled. And I said, the worst thing that can ever happen to any created human being is to die without fulfilling what God had assigned you to accomplish. The very fact that you are a Christian or non christian does not change the truth of nature; that you must apply everything humanly possible to make sure you are worth something in life. Now that you are Christian; a child of God, it is very essential that you depend on God to

be able to fulfill the result of the mission entrusted to you by Him, since He is always there to help at all times, to help those who run to Him. This is why Jesus in Matthew 11:28 says: “Come to Me all you who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.” So you do not need to walk and work alone. The God in heaven is wiser and stronger than you and is always at hand to help you so that you get to your destined position in life. This is why He is addressed as the Father of all Christians.

Prayers

Father, if there is any sin or rebellion in my heart, please redeem me in the precious Blood of Jesus and give me a new grace to being a new life with you in the Name of JESUS. Father, take me deeper into Your presence and enable me to enjoy the power of Your goodness in the Name of JESUS. Father, whatever gifts of mine that the enemies have terminated, today by the anointing of the Holy spirit I call it back to life and order for their manifestation in the Name of JESUS.

Father, give me the grace to depend on You in everything I do and can possibly imagine to invest in the Name of JESUS. Father, help and make me to lose sight of myself and gain sight of You in the Name of JESUS. Father, whatever that can distract my attention from You and make me live far away from You. I ask for the release of fire power now to obstruct it from coming to my life in the Name of JESUS.

Henceforth the glory of God is following me around to make me succeed and prosper in whatever I lay my hands in the Name of JESUS, Father bless Your Children my brothers and sisters in the Name of JESUS. Father, heal the sick in the Name of JESUS.

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ARREST THE SPIRIT OF DISCOURAGEMENT

In the book of Numbers chapter 20: 1-12, the people of Israel became so annoying to the extent that Moses became discouraged because of the long journey they embarked on in the wilderness ordered by God. To him, God had made him disgrace himself and at the same time, led others to suffer too. Due to the disturbance of the people, Moses together with Aaron withdrew themselves to call upon the Lord and God gave them orders to follow in order for water to come out of the rock for the people to drink. But since Moses was already discouraged about the disturbances of the people, he did a different thing.

My dear brothers and sisters, when we become discouraged, we might be led to error because of anger. Moses not only became discouraged but he too became angry. We should try to always look up to God whenever we feel discouraged about our challenges in life. We should learn to be patient and hold on to our faith.

Discouragement can lead us to say wrong prayers. In the book of 1 Kings 19:4, prophet Elijah wished if he were dead rather than suffering. This is because he was discouraged at the challenges he was going through when Jezebel was after his life and he thought God had abandoned him or that God made him to put himself in trouble and he prayed the wrong prayer at that time.

When we become discouraged, we mostly end up taking wrong decisions. In Nehemiah 8:1-8, the people became sad and were mourning on a Holy day, which was wrong. When the Levites explained the laws to them, they understood and went jubilating.

The spirit of discouragement can lead us to the wrong destination just like Jonah (Jonah 2:2-3). He knew that God will not do what he wants or thinks and he started running away from God and found himself in the wrong place and still made the wrong prayer by wishing himself dead.

Whenever we become discouraged my dear brethren, we should call on to our God. Turn our eyes away

from our troubles or challenges and look up to God. In the book of 1 Samuel 30:1-8, the Bible says David was in great trouble as his men with whom he came back from war, noticed that the Amalekites raided Southern Judah, burnt houses and took away their wives and children. They became discouraged, got angry and wanted to stone David. But God gave him courage when he spoke to the priest. The Bible says "David asked God if he should go after the raiders. God said yes to his request. because David did not lose faith. God encouraged him and he made the right decision and rescued those that were captured. He made the right decision just because he arrested the spirit of discouragement.

My dear brothers and sisters, let us not let our troubles or challenges weigh us down that we feel like God has abandoned us. Let us arrest the spirit of discouragement so that we might be able to take the right decisions in our lives, pray rightly and follow the right destination.

Prayers

God our Heavenly Father, we pray that You may forgive us for all the times we have felt discouraged because of our troubles and wished we were not even born. God, cleanse us from all our shortcomings and enable us to always look up to You in such moments and know that you can never take us to the wrong place. Grant us the patience to persevere in our troubles. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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VICTORY OVER ALL LIMITS

Isaiah 54: 1-3.

By Mrs Ogunbiyi Mary Adejoke (Nigeria)

"Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the Lord. Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stake; For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inherited."

I am glad to let you know that you are divinely designed to exist in the realm of limitless possibilities and opportunities. You have God's blessing and permission to succeed without limits. God's agenda for you is to make consistent progress in all areas of

life. All barriers against you are declared broken in the name of Jesus.

You would have observed that there is something in you that detests smallness, setback, defeat and failure. There is a holy desire in you to succeed and keep succeeding in life. It is God that put the desire in your heart (Phipps 2: 13).

Life challenges are designed by the enemy to limit or stop your advancement and progress. However, the good news is that you can make a choice to overcome. (1 John 5: 4).

You have a God given mandate to overcome limits and remove barriers. In Exodus 14:15-16, the Lord empowered Moses and the children of Israel to overcome the Red Sea. They overcame the hindrance (The Red Sea) on their path and they made consistent progress. You must never give up because of barriers

on your path. A hindrance is not an indication that you are on a wrong path.

I encourage you to get set for your advancement and enlargement. It is possible to overcome limits and experience unlimited progress.

Let us consider scriptural and practical steps for victory over hindrances.

(1) BE CONSCIOUS OF GOD'S PRESENCE WITH YOU: 1John 4:4, Heb.13:5-6 - Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, " I will never leave you nor forsaken you. So, we may boldly say: " The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

(2) DO NOT ENTERTAIN FEAR: Isaiah 41:10-13, Exod.14:13 - And Moses said to the people, " Do not be afraid. Standstill, and see the salvation of the Lord,

which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever.

(3) SEEK DIRECTION AND INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE LORD: John 5:30, Exod.14:15-16-And the Lord said to Moses, why do you cry to me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

(4) ENGAGE THE WEAPONS OF PRAYER AND PRAISE: Exod.14:16, Acts 16:25-26 - But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.

(5) CONSISTENTLY TAKE STEPS OF FAITH: 1 John 5:4, Exod.14:15- And the Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward.

Prayers

Father, I thank you for your mercy, protection and preservation over my family in the name of Jesus.

Father, by your mercy, exempt me and my family from calamities and disasters in Jesus' name.

Father, have mercy upon me and let my expectations turn to manifestation in the name of Jesus.

Father, remember me for the sake of your mercy and let me experience your glory in Jesus' name.

Father arise, fight my battles and give me total victory over all adversaries in Jesus ' name.

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THE DRY BONES

Ezekiel 37: 1-10

Leah Ngacha (Kenya)

The vision of the valley of dry bones is one of the most profound and hope-filled revelations in Scripture. God brings the prophet Ezekiel into a valley, a place of despair and death, where the bones of the dead are scattered, bleached, and dry. This vision isn't just about bones; it's about life, death, and the power of God to restore what seems beyond repair.

Ezekiel is brought into a valley filled with dry bones. Not just any bones, but bones that are very dry, indicating that these people had been dead for a long time. The nation of Israel, in this vision, is symbolized by these dry bones. They had been scattered, their temple destroyed, and their hopes dashed. They felt cut off from God, without any hope of return or restoration. Have you ever felt like those dry bones? Have you ever found yourself in a place so desolate, so devoid of hope, that you wondered if life could

ever spring from it again?

In our lives, valleys of dry bones can take many forms.

A broken relationship perhaps it's a marriage that has become so strained that it feels beyond saving.

You've tried everything, but the love that once was vibrant seems to have dried up. Or it could be a rift with a family member or friend that has caused so much pain and misunderstanding that reconciliation seems impossible. In these moments, the relationship feels like those dry bones—scattered, lifeless, and beyond repair. But God asks us today, "Can these bones live?"

Maybe you or someone you love has been battling a chronic illness or enduring long-term suffering. It's the kind of situation that drains your strength, where every day feels like a battle, and hope seems to be slipping away. Like the dry bones, this situation feels like it's been dead for a long time, and the question looms, "Can these bones live?"

Financial difficulties can also be a valley of dry bones. Perhaps you've lost your job, or your business has collapsed. The bills are piling up, and no matter how hard you try, you can't seem to get back on your feet. It feels like a dry season with no end in sight, and you're asking yourself, "Can these bones live?"

There are times in our spiritual journey when we feel distant from God. We go through the motions attending church, reading the Bible, praying but it feels hollow. The passion we once had for God seems to have dried up, and we're left feeling empty and disconnected. This too is a dry bones situation where we wonder, "Can these bones live?"

Life doesn't always turn out the way we expect. Perhaps there was a dream you pursued for years—a career, a ministry, a personal goal—only to see it fall apart. The disappointment is overwhelming, and it feels like you've lost a part of yourself. That dream now lies among the dry bones in the valley, and

you're left questioning, "Can these bones live?"

Addiction can also create a valley of dry bones. Whether it's a personal struggle or the battle of a loved one, addiction drains life and hope. It's a cycle that feels impossible to break, and each relapse feels like another bone added to the valley. The grip of addiction can seem like a death sentence, leading to the question, "Can these bones live?"

On a larger scale, the dry bones can represent a community or even a nation in crisis—where moral decay, injustice, corruption, or violence have brought despair. The situation seems too far gone, too broken to be fixed. We look at the state of our world and wonder, "Can these bones live?"

God asks Ezekiel a question that seems impossible: "Son of man, can these bones live?" Ezekiel's response is one of deep faith and humility: "Sovereign Lord, you alone know." Ezekiel acknowledges that, humanly speaking, the situation is hopeless. But he also recognizes that with God, all

things are possible. This is a critical lesson for us. When faced with seemingly impossible situations, we must learn to look beyond human limitations and trust in God's unlimited power.

God was not asking Ezekiel this question because He needed information; rather, He was inviting Ezekiel to witness His power. God was about to demonstrate that He is the God of the impossible, the God who can bring life out of death.

God then commands Ezekiel to prophesy to the dry bones. This command might seem strange how can words bring life to bones? But Ezekiel obeys, and as he speaks God's words, something incredible happens. The bones begin to rattle and come together. Tendons and flesh appear, and skin covers them. Yet, even though the bones are now covered with flesh, they are still lifeless. This teaches us an important truth: Transformation begins with obedience to God's Word, but true life comes only through the Spirit of God.

Ezekiel's prophecy represents the power of God's Word to bring life and transformation. When we speak God's Word into our situations, when we declare His promises and truth, we align ourselves with His will and open the door for His power to work in our lives. But it doesn't stop there; the breath of God is needed to give life to what has been restored.

The bones had come together, but they were still lifeless until God told Ezekiel to prophesy to the breath. This breath represents the Holy Spirit, who alone can bring true life. When the Spirit entered the bodies, they stood up a vast army, full of life and strength. This is the climax of the vision, where death is fully overcome by the power of God.

In our lives, we may do everything right we may read Scripture, attend church, and serve others but without the breath of the Holy Spirit, there is no true life. We need the Holy Spirit to breathe into our lives, to empower us, to bring us to spiritual vitality, and to enable us to fulfill God's purposes.

This vision is not just about the restoration of Israel, but it's also a message to us today. No matter how dry or dead a situation may seem, God can bring it back to life. He specializes in the impossible. Just as He raised Lazarus from the dead, just as He brought Israel out of Babylonian captivity, just as He has resurrected countless lives from sin and despair, He can do the same in your life.

Are there areas in your life that feel like a valley of dry bones? Are there dreams that have died, relationships that seem beyond repair, or a faith that feels lifeless? God is asking you today, "Can these bones live?" And He invites you to believe, to speak His Word over your situation, and to allow His Spirit to breathe new life into you.

God's power to restore is not limited by time, circumstance, or the extent of the damage. He is the God who brings beauty from ashes, who turns mourning into dancing, who gives life to the dead. Your valley of dry bones can be transformed into a

place of life and vitality if you trust in His power and His timing.

Prayers

Heavenly Father, I bring before You my broken relationships. Just as You restored life to the dry bones, I ask You to breathe Your life into these relationships. Bring healing, understanding, and forgiveness where there has been hurt. Restore love and unity where there has been division.

Lord, I come to You in the midst of my suffering. You are the God who heals, and I believe that You can restore health to my body. Breathe Your life into every cell and organ that has been affected by illness. Strengthen me and renew my hope as I trust in Your healing power.

Father, You are my provider. I bring my financial struggles before You and ask for a breakthrough. Just as You brought life to the dry bones, breathe new opportunities and blessings into my situation. Give

me wisdom and guidance in managing my finances, and open doors for provision.

Holy Spirit, I feel distant and dry in my walk with You. I ask You to breathe new life into my spirit. Revive my passion for You and rekindle the fire of my faith. Draw me closer to You, and fill me with Your presence, that I may live in the fullness of Your joy and peace.

Lord, I bring to You the dreams and visions that have died in my heart. I ask that You breathe life into them once more. Restore my hope and give me the courage to pursue what You have placed in my heart. Let Your will be done in my life as I trust in Your timing and plan.

Father, I lift up my struggles with addiction to You. I believe that You are able to break every chain and bring freedom where there has been bondage. Breathe life into my brokenness and deliver me from the power of addiction. Fill me with Your Spirit and give me the strength to walk in victory.

Lord, I pray for our nation (or community) that is experiencing moral and spiritual decay. Just as You brought life to the dry bones, breathe Your Spirit into our land. Bring justice where there is injustice, peace where there is violence, and righteousness where there is corruption. Revive our nation and lead us back to You.

Lord, I feel overwhelmed by the circumstances around me. The valley of dry bones feels so real, but I trust in Your power to bring life out of death. Strengthen me in my weakness, and help me to see beyond the present despair. Fill me with Your hope and remind me that nothing is too hard for You.

Father, Your Word is living and active. I declare Your promises over the dry bones in my life. Let Your Word penetrate my heart and bring transformation. I ask that as I speak Your truth, I will see life begin to flourish in every barren area. Holy Spirit, breathe upon me. Just as You breathed life into the dry bones, breathe into every area of my

life. Fill me with Your power, Your wisdom, and Your presence. Empower me to live a life that reflects Your glory and fulfills Your purpose.

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**THANKSGIVING TO GOD WHO SAVES
FROM DEATH**

PSALM 116:2

Lucy Karanja (Kenya)

"Because he turned his ear to me i will call on him as long as I live."

This word of God encourages us to always have a thankful heart towards the lord for his mercy upon our lives.

It also assures us of God's divine protection from the evil plans of the devil for all those who trust in him.

This word of God relates well with Psalm 91:14 -16

Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him;

I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

He will call on me, and I will answer him;

I will be with him in trouble,
I will deliver him and honor him.
With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.”

We are encouraged to always call upon the lord in times of distress and never rely on other people for help for they can fail to help us, or when they help us it will be at a cost. For our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1.

Jeremiah 33.3 "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know". This verse poses a challenge to us on how many times do we call unto God?

Lastly Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.” Even on days when we don't know what to do let us call unto him he shall show us the way.

Prayer

Lord increase my faith to completely trust in your saving power

Thank you for the times you have delivered me from the snares of the devil.

Thank you for always fighting both my known and unknown battles.

Sorry for the times I have questioned and doubted your saving power.

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**FAITH PUSHING JESUS TO ACTION:
(STEADFASTNESS AMIDST TRIALS)**

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²¹ Jesus left that place and went off to the territory near the cities of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman who lived in that region came to him. “Son of David!” she cried out. “Have mercy on me, sir! My daughter has a demon and is in a terrible condition.”²³ But Jesus did not say a word to her. His disciples came to him and begged him, “Send her away! She is following us and making all this noise!”²⁴ Then Jesus replied, “I have been sent only to the lost sheep of the people of Israel.”²⁵ At this the woman came and fell at his feet. “Help me, sir!” she said.²⁶ Jesus answered, “It isn't right to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.”²⁷ “That's true, sir,” she answered, “but even the dogs eat the leftovers that fall from their masters'table.”²⁸ So Jesus answered her, “You are a woman of great faith! What you want will be done for

you.” And at that very moment her daughter was healed. (**Matthew 15:21-28**)

In our moments of despair and tribulation, it is very easy to give up on life. However, the story of Jesus and the Cananite woman today teaches us resilience in faith. **Why would this woman approach Jesus?** One suggestion is that she had nowhere else to turn. Perhaps she had heard reports about the healing miracles of Jesus. Her need was so great, her concern for her daughter so deep, that she dared cross that rift between Jews and Canaanites. Perhaps she was at that point where she had nothing to lose, and perhaps everything to gain. In any case her call is striking, not only in its persistence and boldness, but also in its language. Lord, Son of David. While “Lord” may be nothing more than calculated politeness, “Son of David” might refer simply to being Jewish, but it raises the question of whether she had heard (and had nascent belief) in Jesus as the Jewish Messiah

Many kind-hearted people wince at this episode where Jesus challenges a woman in need of His help. Unlike

other instances where Jesus gladly cures and forgives others, He holds back for this particular woman, not because she is rude or sinful, but because she isn't a Jew. He first states that the scope of His mission only concerns the House of Israel, not those who reside outside that house.

The key to understanding this event are Jesus' final words, "O Woman, great is your faith!" As with many of His miracles, He hopes to use this one to teach a lesson; in this case, the lesson is the true nature of faith. Notice that He does not reward the woman for her wit in taking His analogy and working it in her favor even if many Christians afterward will acknowledge her persistence and humility. He questions her rather sharply, and she responds with proportionate trust in Him.

Disciples must approach Christ and His Church as children, not dogs. He does not want blind faith or complacent doubting. He wants virtuous obedience and love. When He says that the children must be fed, that means tending to the faithful first. As Mother

Teresa says, “Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do but how much love we put into that action.” Instead reaching out to those outside the Church, those who spurn our invitations, we should nourish those inside the Church who seriously need it. Only then will others start changing their attitude and approach the Church, Christ’s Body, as the Canaanite woman approached Jesus with her daughter.

Strive daily for that encounter with Jesus and plead your case with Honesty, Humility and True Repentance.

Prayers

Thank You Jesus for being ever present in our lives. In spite of our unworthiness, you still come to us and give us yourself.

When others try to deem our voice when we cry out to you, grant us the ability to never be discouraged

When there is silence when we raise our voices to you, grant us the ability not to give up on you and to remain persistent in prayers.

When the moment comes for us to plead our cause, give us grace withstand pressure and in your infinite mercy please answer us.

In the mighty name of Jesus, we pray. Amen

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DRY BONES SHALL RISE AGAIN" IN OUR LIVES

By Comfort Dakorah-Bendah

37 The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³ He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” I said, “Sovereign LORD, you alone know.”⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! ⁵ This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath^[a] enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶ I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.’”⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and

skin covered them, but there was no ⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army with breath in them. **(Ezekiel 37:1-10)**

The vision of the valley of dry bones given to the prophet Ezekiel is one of the most powerful and evocative images in the Bible. This vision speaks to situations of utter hopelessness, where everything seems lost and beyond repair. It paints a picture of a desolate valley, filled with dry, lifeless bones, a symbol of the people's despondency and separation from God. However, the central message of this vision is not one of despair but of hope and restoration.

God asks Ezekiel, "Can these bones live?" This question is not merely rhetorical; it invites contemplation on the nature of God's power and the possibility of renewal. God promises to blow new life

on the lifeless. “Thus says the Lord,” Ezekiel begins, “I will open your graves and have you rise from them. I will put my spirit in you that you may live. I have promised, and I will do it, says the Lord.” God’s command to prophesy to the bones, to speak life into what is dead, demonstrates the power of God's word. It is through His word that life is restored, tendons and flesh reappear, and breath enters these once-lifeless forms.

This transformation from death to life signifies the profound ability of God to bring revival, restore what was lost, and renew the spirits of His people. In our lives, we may encounter "dry bones" moments—times of spiritual dryness, despair, or feeling disconnected from God's presence. Yet, this passage reminds us that no situation is beyond God's ability to redeem. Through faith, prayer, and the power of His word, we can experience renewal and revival. Just as the dry bones in Ezekiel's vision were brought back to life and stood as a vast army, so too can our lives be rejuvenated and filled with purpose and strength by God's mighty power.

Prayers

Heavenly Father, Almighty God, we come before You today with hearts open to Your transformative power. Just as You breathed life into the dry bones in the valley, we ask You to breathe new life into our hearts and souls. We acknowledge that without You, we are like dry bones, lifeless and without hope. But with Your Spirit, we know that all things are possible.

Lord, we pray for revival in our lives, our communities, and our world. Where there is despair, bring hope. Where there is brokenness, bring healing. Where there is dryness, bring the refreshing waters of Your Spirit. Speak to the dry bones within us, O Lord, and bring us back to life.

Help us to trust in Your power and sovereignty, even when situations seem impossible. Strengthen our faith so that we may prophesy to our dry bones, declaring Your word and believing in Your promises. Fill us with Your breath, Your Holy Spirit, so that we may stand strong and serve You with renewed vigor and purpose.

We thank You, Lord, for Your unfailing love and mercy. We thank You for the hope and new beginnings that You offer us. May we always turn to You in our times of need and find solace in Your presence. Let Your name be glorified in our lives as we witness Your miraculous work of restoration.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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PRAYER

1 Thessalonians Ch 5:16 - 18

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Prayer is a spiritual communication between humans and the sacred or holy, such as God or supernatural powers. It is a two-way relationship where we express our love, gratitude, and dependence on God, and also listen for His guidance and wisdom. Through prayer, we seek comfort, acknowledge our sins, and strengthen our relationship with the Eternal.

Simply put Prayer is talking to God.

As an Intercessor when, how, why and where should I pray. But before, I get into answering the above questions, let me first of all exhaust to an extent what prayer is and to whom we pray to.

In the book of 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 that became our subject heading, it says that we should rejoice always, pray continually and equally give thanks in all circumstances: for this is God's will for us in Christ

Jesus. In our Catechism class, we were taught that prayer is the act of raising our heart and thought towards God.

When do I pray- At all times: in season and out of season as the bible said in 2nd Timothy 4:2. It means being ready to pray or preach at any time, even if it is unexpected or inconvenient. As a Prayer Intercessor, there may be a clarion call for intercessory prayer at any point in time which we are bound to answer.

How do I pray - As the Spirit Leads. My friend and senior partner in prayer will always tell me to be in the spirit and I continued to wonder why I should be even when I'm not in the prayer mood. It took me time to understand that if you are always in the spirit, your prayer mood is always easy to activate than when you are not.

Why should I pray - It is the will of God that we pray. Prayer is very important in the lives of Christians and much more as a prayer intercessor. It is said that a prayerless Christian is a powerless Christian while a prayerful Christian is a powerful Christian. No wonder the apostles of Christ demanded of Him to teach them

how to pray as it is written in Luke 11 vs 1. John also taught his disciples how to pray.

In Matthew Ch: 26 vs 41 our Lord also admonished them (Apostles) to pray at all times lest they fall into temptation. He reminded them that the spirit is strong but the body is weak.

Where should I pray - In a quiet, comfortable and special place where you can connect to your spirituality. where you can focus and have a sense of solitude. This can be in a church, a dedicated prayer space at home, or anywhere free from distractions. Some people even go to mountain to pray in order to avoid noise, organise and coordinate themselves. Our Lord told His disciples to enter into their closet and pray. In Luke Ch 18 Jesus emphasizes on the persistence in prayer. To tell us how important prayer is to every human even the Muslims pray not less than five (5) times in a day. In our Pieta book it is written that God governs the world but prayer governs God!! As a prayerful Christian nothing shakes or moves you for no matter how bad the situation is, immediately you remember that you will tell it to God in prayer the matter is as good as being settled.

Personally, I have come to realise that prayer is the only way out. According to scripture, the keys to effectual prayer are faith Matthew 21:21-22, righteousness James 5:16, persistence Luke 18:1-8, and Luke 22:41-42.

In the bible, we were also told that Paul and Silas and the Holy Spirit came down. And with these, I urge us to commit ourselves the more to prayers and to always be in the mood of prayer (spirit).

BENEFITS OF PRAYER:

Prayer draws us closer to God.

Prayer helps in shaping our hearts.

Prayer helps us in growing our trust.

Prayer provides guidance.

Prayer gives us perspective.

Prayer helps in calming our hearts and minds.

Prayer conforms our will to God's will.

Prayer helps in making us more like Jesus.

Prayer helps us in setting the tone of our day.

Prayer

Pray as the spirit leads

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UNITY

Ephesians 4

The word Unity is oneness, it is a state of Being undivided. In the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians, we hear Paul telling the Gentiles to live a life that is Worthy of God. Urging them not to live like the heathen whose minds are in dark and their thoughts worthless, they are ignorant and stubborn. They do all manner of things without keeping in check what they do.

Paul continue to encourage the Gentiles to preserve the unity which was impacted on them by the Holy Spirit, binding them together by means of peace. Being in Unity implies that it is one body and one Spirit as also there is one body to which God called all mankind. Similarly, there is one Lord, one Father, one baptism. Just as there is one God and one Father of all mankind, who is Lord God of all, and Lord of all who work through all, and is in all. Ephesians 4:4-6.

Today this Unity is not only for the Gentiles but for all Christians, because we are Christ like. This can be seen today in Catholic church, where our mode of worship is same in the universe. As the scripture says, we have all received gift according to our capabilities. Christ gave it when He went up taking along with Him the captives and gave to mankind these gifts. Thereby filling the whole universe with His presence. He gave some the gift by appointing them to become Priest, some Evangelist, some Prophets and others Apostles. Others were appointed Pastors and Teachers. Christ gave this appointment to these people to work and build the body of Christ for Christian service.

God filled the whole universe with His presence when He went up, above and beyond the heavens.

As Christians, and part of the body of Christ, who Himself gave us the gift to serve Him, we are expected to be together in unity and faith in our knowledge of God. And when we do this, we become mature and no longer children who are carried and tossed around by

waves of every teaching of deceitful men, who lead people astray by their tricks or sweet tongues.

We are expected to speak The Truth wherever we find ourselves, live in oneness and spirit of love, to enable us grow in way of Christ who is the head.

Christ being the head and we under His control. All the different part of the body fits together, as the whole body is fit together by every joint to which it's provided.

Therefore, when each separate part work as it should, the whole body grows and build itself up through love. Ephesians 15-16. Paul continue by encouraging the Gentiles and we as well, to get rid of our old self, which we are used to, that was destroyed by deceitful desires. Paul went further to tell us that our heart and mind must be completely new, created in God's likeness who reveals Himself, in true life that is upright and Holy. Ephesians 22-24. When this is done, as members of Christ body, we are expected to avoid lying. We all

must tell the truth to our neighbors because we all belong to the same body of Christ. We should never let anyone rule us or lead us to sin, or stay angry all day. The devil must never be given a chance. Those who engage in robbery must stop and look for work, so they can help those in need. Avoid evil words and engage in using useful words that will help build up and provide what is needful. So that such good words, when used will help build up and provide what is needed on those who listen.

Ephesians 4:30 further tells us not to make the Holy Spirit of God sad, because the Spirit is a mark of ownership on us, which is guaranteed that a day is coming

when God will set us free. We are to get rid of bitterness, passion and anger. We should not shout, insult, not hate. Rather, we should be kind and tender hearted to each other, forgive one another just as God forgave us through Christ.

SUMMARY

Gentiles here as St Paul mentioned literally refers to us Christians. And the different parts of the body also are mankind. Let us therefore put ourselves on the position of the Gentiles and adhere to the word of God through St Paul in his letter to the Ephesians. The scripture makes us to understand it clearly that the majority of Christian ministry is the development of Godly character in the lives of the people not to miss out in the assembly of Saint in service.

Prayers

O Lord, I ask that you change me from within, transform me and all those who do not know you, to always remember that we are parts of your body, and live a life pleasing to you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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THE PERSECUTOR SURRENDER

Acts Of The Apostles (9: 1-22)

Sandra St Ange

“And he said who are you Lord, and he said to him go for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentles and Kings and children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my Name” Acts 9:15-16

ACTS Chapter 9 continues the narrative of persecution of Christian starting from the stoning of Stephen, which Saul of Tarsus participated in. We have seen how persecution led to dispersion of Christians and the Gospel to Samaritans. The next part of the narration shows us how persecution gave rise to the apostle to the Gentles. The chief persecutor Surrendered to Christ and became the great apostle of the Gospel.

Saul in Hebrew, Paul in Rome was single minded in his zealous persecution of Christians. He volunteered to go to Damascus and hunt down Jews who had converted to Christianity, to drag them to Jerusalem to be changed in the law. In Deuteronomy (13:6-11) Christianity is called the way, possibly named after what Jesus said about himself, being the way the Truth, and the light. Interestingly Taoism is also literally translated as the the way.

Saul was clearly a man of conviction. What would this man be if only he would take his zeal and single mindedness to serve Christ instead? We would see this later. Saul/Paul would become one of the greatest missionary apostle in the new Testament Church. What would we be if we take the personalities, talents and abilities, which God had placed in us to serve Him?

As Saul made his way to Damascus with his gang, a bright light and voice from heaven struck him. It was not just Saul who experienced it. People around

him witnessed it too. The voice of Jesus spoke to Saul at the moment saying Saul, Saul why are you persecuting me.

Jesus revealed to Anania His plans for Saul. Truly, Jesus treated him like a friend not a slave. Jesus said that He treats us like friends; revealing to us his purpose (John 15:15) If he treaded us like slaves, he would treats us like just commands and expect us obey. Understanding, but also, Jesus must have told Ananis this life calling to Saul. We would later see in the rest of the ACTS and other epistles by Saul that he indeed is faithful.

Prayers

Heavenly Father grant us the courage to endure persecution with patience. We pray that you bless and help us to remain steadfast in our love and commitment to you. We make this prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

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JESUS HEALS A MAN BORN BLIND.

(John 9: 1-12)

By Jackcilia Ebere (South Sudan)

From the above Gospel (*John 9: 1-12*) we learn a lot of lessons that can also be applied to our lives and can help build up our faith.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

Through the above verses we learn that sometimes people can be blaming us for our situation but not

knowing that we are innocent, certain things or situations happen so that the glory of God can be shown. For example, it was a situation that no man could cure, a person born blind, when Jesus cured the man's blindness, the glory and mercy of God is brought to light because such a cure was miraculous.

Indeed, like many of us today, the blind man was in a desperate situation whereby he couldn't help himself and no one could help him to see. This is a picture of what people are like today. They are desperate. Their lives are out of control. Strong desires guide them, not wise thoughts. They want things, but they do not know how to get these things. We learn from this that only Jesus can cure us from our infirmities, Jesus is a healer. Jesus was able to cure this man who was born blind,

and this man's situation was an impossible case, it teaches us that, there is nothing impossible for God, with God all things are possible, and indeed if we trust in God, and in Jesus, he can set us free from all bondages.

After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," he told him, "Wash in the Pool of Siloam" So the man went and washed and came home seeing.

From the story of the man born blind, we learn that he was a humble man. The Spirit of humility is very important, for Jesus to come to our lives and heal us, and do for us a miracle, we need to be humble. Jesus mixed his spit with mud and rubbed it on the eyes of the blind man, if the man was not humble, he would

have gotten annoyed why Jesus had to put soil on his eyes which might make the situation of his blindness worst.

Above all the blind man had a strong faith, he believed that Jesus would give him his sight back. The blind man was obedient. Jesus sent him to go and wash his face in Siloam, and he didn't exactly that, otherwise if he was not obedient, he would have used any other water nearby to wash his face. On top of being obedient he was also honest and that is why he never cheated by using any nearby water.

You and I, are we faithful, obedient and honest in following the word of God to us? Today we too suffer from spiritual blindness, we live and move in darkness spiritually if we are not faithful, obedient and honest to

God. For us Christian to find salvation and be saved from forces of darkness and evil powers we need to be committed to God, being faithful to him, reading the bible and living it every day, obeying the ten commandments.

As Jesus brought hope to the blind man, he removed away the darkness in which the man had lived since his birth. Jesus as the light of the world, brings physical, emotional and spiritual healing to you and I. It is up to us to believe in Jesus, to trust in him and learn from him how to live a life of purity, sinless and to enter eternal life.

The blind man had to do something himself to get his sight back, he went to Siloam and washed his face as

Jesus instructed him. You and I, what can we do to get salvation?

- ✓ Do I go for confession regularly?
- ✓ Do I attend mass regularly?
- ✓ Do I say my personal prayers regularly?

The lesson here is that I must confess my sins, I must obey the instructions of God, for in obedience is life and disobedience brings death and darkness, if the blind man never obeyed, his sight wouldn't have been restored.

Through the story of the man born blind, Jesus makes clarification to his disciples that, not all sufferings are as a results of sin. Sometimes we go through certain things so that we can meet God, to have an encounter

with him so that through our situation his name will be glorified when our situation changes.

Prayers

Lord Jesus, may you increase our faith to always trust in you that you can give us the impossible if we trust in you, just as the blind man though not seeing trusted that you could give him sight.

Loving God, may you give us the grace to be humble like the blind man and always obey your instructions to us through the Holy Bible.

Abba Father, give us the grace to understand that not all sufferings are as results of sin.

Papa God, I pray that you may heal and cure us of our spiritual blindness and help us to see beyond the physical. Give us hope and light to enlighten the

darkness of our hearts and lead us to your everlasting light of salvation in Jesus mighty name with thanksgiving I pray Amen.

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COURAGEOUS FAITH

The story of Rahab in Jericho

Joshua 2:1-14

By Jerome Mugisha (Uganda)

In Joshua 2:1-14, we encounter the story of Rahab a Canaanite woman who lived in Jericho. Rahab's actions are significant because they demonstrate a remarkable example of faith and courage.

Despite being a part of society that was opposed to Israel and its God, Rahab recognised the power and authority of the God of Israel. Her decision to hide the Israelite spies shows her faith, not only in the God of Israel but also in the promise that they would conquer the land.

Lessons:

Rahab's story teaches us several important lessons;

I. Faith beyond borders

Rahab was not an Israelite, yet she believed in the God of Israel. This reminds us that God's grace and salvation are available to all who believe regardless of their backgrounds. Rahab's faith challenges us to recognise God's works beyond our communities and to see the potential for faith in unexpected places.

II. Courage to act

Rahab's actions were risky, she could have been caught and punished by the king of Jericho, yet she chose to act on her faith. Her courage inspires us to act boldly in our faith even when it requires us to step out of our comfort zones face potential danger.

III. God's providence

This passage also highlight God's providential care. The spies were led to Rahab's house, where they found safety and ultimately secured vital information

for Israel conquest. God often works through unlikely people and situations to accomplish His purpose.

Prayers

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the example of Rahab whose faith and courage inspires us of trust in you even when the circumstances are challenging. Help us to have the eyes of faith that see your hand at work in our lives and the World around us just as Rahab saw your power and chose to align herself with Your will. Grant us the courage to act on our faith, to step out in boldness even when the path is uncertain. May we, like Rahab be willing to take risks for the sake of your kingdom, knowing that you are with us every step of the way.

We also ask that you would open our hearts to recognise and embrace the faith of others even those who may come from different backgrounds or places.

Remind us that your grace is for everyone, and help us to share your love with all we meet.

In Jesus name we pray.

Amen.

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DAILY PRAYERS

In the name of Jesus Christ, Lord Almighty in Heaven, I come before You this day to thank You specially for Your love, power, faithfulness and mercy upon me. I praise You and adore You Almighty God, there is none like You; in the heavens, on earth and beneath the earth. I submit my entire life to You in worship as the Supreme Being and the ruler and king of the entire universe. Lord Almighty, receive all glory and honour and adoration. In Jesus mighty name. Amen.

Today, I beg for Your Divine Mercy. I choose You this day as my personal Lord and my God, and I ask for the forgiveness of all the sins that I have committed against You. Great God, please look with pity and have mercy upon me, my family and my lineage. Great God and Supreme Being, I prostrate and beg You to forgive us of all our sins which we have committed against You, and for all that we have done which hurt You and our neighbors. Please, for the sake of Jesus Christ crucified, have mercy upon us. Lord, please consider His precious blood and show pity upon us. Wash me, my family and lineage with His most precious

blood. I promise that with the help of Your grace, I will not sin again.

Lord Almighty in Heaven, in the name of Jesus Christ, I reject anything that is a god in my life and my family which is not You. I denounce them and their powers over my life. I submit my entire life and family to you, asking you to reign supreme and let Your kingdom come and Your will be done in me and my family.

Today, with all my heart, I humbly ask for mercy. Please Lord, show me mercy and grant the following request and petition which I bring before you:

(Begin to pray and present your requests as the Holy Spirit leads you.)

Lord God Almighty in Heaven, I put all my confidence and trust in You. You are my only hope, courage, consolation and peace. Almighty God, if You don't help me, who else will help me? If you don't show me mercy, from whom else will I get mercy? Lord Almighty, please, for the sake of Jesus Christ who was tortured, shamed, humiliated and

crucified for my sake and for Your will, please have mercy upon me, grant all my requests and let Your will be done in my life. Amen.

O Immaculate Mother, I renew and ratify today in thy hands, the vows of my baptism. I renounce forever satan, his works and all that has to do with him. I give myself entirely to Jesus Christ the incarnate wisdom, to carry my cross after Him all the days of my life, and to be more faithful to Him than I have ever been before.

In the presence of all the heavenly court, I choose you this day as my mother. I deliver and consecrate to thee my body and soul, my good, both interior and exterior and even the value of my good actions; past, present and future and all that belongs to me without exception, according to thy good pleasure, for the greater glory of God in time and in eternity. Amen.

CHAPLET OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

This Chaplet was composed in 1892 by a Franciscan Capuchin missionary of the English Province in order to give the faithful an easy means of honouring the Holy Ghost. It was approved by Pope Leo XIII in 1902.

How to pray the Chaplet of the Holy Ghost

The Chaplet of the Holy Ghost has 50 beads. It begins with three small beads, followed by 5 sets of 7 beads, each separated by 2 large beads.

- On the three large beads,**
- make the Sign of the Cross**
- say an Act of Contrition... and**
- recites the hymn "Come, Holy Ghost"..**
- On each set of 7 small beads is prayed 7 Glory be to the Father...**

○ Then, on the 2 large beads is said 1 Our Father

○ and 1 Hail Mary

During the praying of each set of 7 beads, the faithful is asked to meditate on one of the 5 mysteries (below), therefore commemorating the Five Wounds of Jesus which are the fountains of grace which the Holy Ghost imparts to all men.

THE FIRST MYSTERY

By the Holy Ghost is Jesus conceived of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Meditation: "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the Power of the Most High shall overshadow thee; and therefore also the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." [LUKE. 1:35]

The Practice: Diligently implore the aid of the Divine Spirit, and Mary's intercession, to imitate the virtues of Jesus Christ, Who is the Model of virtues, so that you may be made conformable to the image of the Son of God.

THE SECOND MYSTERY

The Spirit of the Lord rested upon Jesus when he was baptized.

The Meditation: "Jesus, being baptized, forthwith came out of the water: the heavens were opened to Him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon Him." [Matthew. 3:16] **The Practice:** Hold in the highest esteem the priceless gift of sanctifying grace, infused into your soul by the Holy Spirit in Baptism. Keep the promises to which you then pledged yourself. Increase, by constant practice, Faith, Hope, and Charity. Ever live as becometh children of God and members of God's true Church, so as to obtain, hereafter, the inheritance of heaven.

THE THIRD MYSTERY

By the Spirit is Jesus led into the desert to be tempted by the Devil.

The Meditation: "Jesus, being full of the Holy ghost, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the desert for the space of forty days; and was tempted by the devil." [LUKE. 4:1-2]

The Practice: Be ever grateful for the sevenfold gift of the Holy Spirit bestowed upon you in Confirmation, for the spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and fortitude, of knowledge and piety, and of the fear of the Lord. Faithfully yield to His Divine guidance, so that, in all the trials and temptations of life, you may act manfully, as becometh a perfect Christian and valiant soldier of Jesus Christ.

THE FOURTH MYSTERY

The Holy Ghost in the Church.

The Meditation: "Suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting... and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak... the wonderful works of God."
[Acts, 2:2, 4, 11.]

The Practice: Thank God for having made you a child of His Church which is ever animated and directed by the Divine Spirit, sent into this world for that purpose of the day of Pentecost. Hear and obey the Holy See, the infallible mouthpiece of the Holy Ghost, and the Church, the pillar and ground of truth. Uphold her doctrines, seek her interests, defend her rights.

THE FIFTH MYSTERY

The Holy Ghost in the soul of the just man and just woman.

The Meditation: "Know you not that you members are the temple of the Holy Spirit, Who is in you?" [1 Cor. 6:19] "Extinguish not the Spirit." [1 Thess. 5:19] "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby you are sealed unto the day of redemption." [Ephesians. 4:30]

The Practice: Be ever mindful of the Holy Ghost Who is within you, and carefully cultivate purity of soul and body. Faithfully obey His Divine Inspirations so that you may bring forth the Fruits of the Spirit - Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Dignity, Goodness, Long-suffering, Mildness, Faith, Modesty, Contineny, Chastity.

○ Conclude with the I believe... as a profession of faith.

○ Say finally once: Our Father...

○ Hail Mary...and

○ Glory be to the Father...

○ for the intentions of the pope.

LITANY OF THE HOLY-GHOST

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us. Father
all powerful, have mercy on us

Jesus, Eternal Son of the Father,
Redeemer of the world, save us.

Spirit of the Father and the Son,
boundless life of both, sanctify
us.

Holy Trinity, hear
us

Holy Ghost,
Who proceedest from the Father and the Son, enter our
hearts.

Holy Ghost,
Who art equal to the Father and the Son, enter our
hearts.

Promise of God the Father, have
mercy on us Ray of heavenly
light, have mercy on us

Author of all good,
have mercy on us

Source of heavenly water, have mercy
on us

Consuming fire, have mercy
on us

Ardent charity, have mercy
on us

Spiritual unction, have mercy
on us

Spirit of love and truth, have mercy
on us

Spirit of wisdom and understanding, have mercy
on us

Spirit of counsel and fortitude, have mercy
on us

Spirit of knowledge and piety,
have mercy on us

Spirit of the fear of the Lord,
have mercy on us

Spirit of grace and prayer, have mercy
on us

Spirit of peace and meekness, have mercy
on us

Spirit of modesty and innocence, have mercy
on us

Holy Ghost, the Comforter,
have mercy on us

Holy Ghost, the Sanctifier, have mercy
on us

Holy Ghost, Who governest the Church, have mercy
on us

Gift of God, the Most High, have mercy
on us

Spirit Who fillest the universe, have mercy
on us

Spirit of the adoption of the children of God, have
mercy on us

Holy Ghost, inspire us with horror
of sin.

Holy Ghost, come and renew the face of
the earth.

Holy Ghost, shed Thy light in
our souls.

Holy Ghost,
engrave Thy law in our hearts

Holy Ghost, inflame us with the flame of
Thy love.

Holy Ghost, open to us the treasures of
Thy graces

Holy Ghost, teach us to
pray well.

Holy Ghost, enlighten us with Thy heavenly inspirations.

Holy Ghost,
lead us in the way of salvation

Holy Ghost, grant us the only necessary knowledge.

Holy Ghost, inspire in us the practice of
good.

Holy Ghost, grant us the merits of
all virtues.

Holy Ghost, make us
persevere in justice.

Holy Ghost, be Thou our everlasting
reward.

Lamb of God,
Who takest away the sins of the world, Send us
Thy Holy Ghost.

Lamb of God,
Who takest away the sins of the world, pour down into our
souls the gifts of the Holy Ghost.

Lamb of God,
Who takest away the sins of the world, grant us
the Spirit of wisdom and piety.

V. Come, Holy Ghost!
Fill the hearts of Thy faithful,

R. And enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.

Grant, O merciful Father, that Thy Divine Spirit may enlighten, inflame and purify us, that He may penetrate us with His heavenly dew and make us fruitful in good works, through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who with Thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, liveth and reigneth forever and ever.

Amen

Divine mercy The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy How to Recite the Chaplet

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades. The Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina and followed by a closing prayer.

1. Make the Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

2. Optional Opening Prayers

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat three times) O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

3. Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we

forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

4. Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

5. The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

6. The Eternal Father

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

7. On the Ten Small Beads of Each Decade

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

8. Repeat for the remaining decades

Saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

9. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

THE LITANY OF THE MERCY OF GOD for Private Use Only.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, Have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, One God, Have mercy on us.

Mercy of God, supreme attribute of the Creator, *We trust in Thee.*
Mercy of God, greatest perfection of the Redeemer, *We trust in Thee.*

Mercy of God, unfathomable love of the Sanctifier, ""

Mercy of God, inconceivable mystery of the Holy Trinity,

Mercy of God, expression of the greatest power of the Most High,

Mercy of God, revealed in the creation of the heavenly Spirits,

Mercy of God, summoning us to existence out of nothingness,

Mercy of God, embracing the whole universe,

Mercy of God, bestowing upon us immortal life,

Mercy of God, shielding us from merited punishments,

Mercy of God, raising us from the misery of sin,

Mercy of God, justifying us in the Word Incarnate,

Mercy of God, flowing from the wounds of Christ,

Mercy of God, gushing from the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,

Mercy of God, giving to us the Most Blessed Virgin Mary as

Mother of Mercy, Mercy of God, shown in the revelation of the
Divine mysteries,

Mercy of God, manifested in the institution of the universal
Church,

Mercy of God, contained in the institution of the Holy
Sacraments,

Mercy of God, bestowed upon mankind in the Sacraments of
Baptism and Penance,

Mercy of God, granted in the Sacraments of the Altar and the
Priesthood,

Mercy of God, shown in calling us to the Holy Faith,

Mercy of God, revealed in the conversion of sinners,

Mercy of God, manifested in the sanctification of the just,

Mercy of God, fulfilled in the perfecting of the saintly,

Mercy of God, font of health for the sick and the suffering,

Mercy of God, solace of anguished hearts,

Mercy of God, hope of souls afflicted with despair,

Mercy of God, always and everywhere accompanying all people,

Mercy of God, anticipating us with graces,

Mercy of God, peace of the dying,

Mercy of God, refreshment and relief of the Souls in Purgatory,

Mercy of God, heavenly delight of the blessed,

Mercy of God, crown of all the Saints,

Mercy of God, inexhaustible source of miracles,

Lamb of God, Who didst show us Thy greatest mercy in
redeeming the world on the Cross, Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who did mercifully offer Thyself for us in every
Holy Mass, Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who take away the sins of the world through Thine inexhaustible Mercy, Have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

V. The tender mercies of the Lord are over all His works. R. The mercies of the Lord I will sing forever.

Let Us Pray. O God, Whose Mercy is infinite and Whose treasures of pity are inexhaustible, graciously look down upon us and increase in us Thy Mercy so that we may never, even in the greatest trials, give way to despair, but may always trustfully conform ourselves to Thy Holy Will, which is Mercy itself. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Mercy, Who with Thee and the Holy Spirit doth show us Mercy forever and ever. R. Amen.

Prayer for Family Liberation

- Instruction*** 1. This prayer must be recited by every member of the family.
2. Everyone should try and go for confession before starting the prayer.
3. The prayers are to be recited at midnight.

4. There must be fasting by every member of the family, ranging from 6am-12pm, 6am-3pm, 6am-6pm, depending on the capacity of the members.
5. The Prayer can be said for 14days, 21 or 30.
6. Try as much as possible to avoid distractions or anything that will prevent the prayer to be completed or recited properly.

Prayers

- Exodus 14
- Psalm 51 • Psalm 35 • Psalm 94
- Psalm 55
- Zechariah 14
- Nehemiah 1:3-11
- Obadiah 1:17

Prayer for Healing

Instruction

1. Go for confession before starting the prayer.

2. The prayers can be recited anytime.
3. No fasting.
4. The Prayer can be said for 14days, 21 or 30.
5. Try as much as possible to avoid distractions or anything that will prevent the prayer to be completed or recited properly.

Prayers

- Call on the Blood of Jesus Christ 12 times
- Psalm 23
- Psalm 51
- Isaiah 53:5
- Isaiah 38:1-7
- Divine Mercy prayer at three o clock

**CHAPLET OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL
HELP (To be recited on the ordinary rosary bead)**

HOW TO PRAY

Gloria to be said on the first large bead after the cross.

Recite three hail Mary on the three small beads after Gloria.

Recite the creed on the second large bead after the three hail Mary.
On the ten small beads recite: "O Mary, help us!"

(At the end of each decade say:)

Mary has help us. Mary wants to help us. Mary can help us. Mary will help us.

(On the large beads say:)

O mother of perpetual help. Listen to our pleading souls. You can help us in all our needs. Mary, with hope, we call on you.

(In conclusion, recite:)

We fly to your patronage, o holy mother of God! despise not our petitions in our necessities: but deliver us from all dangers. o ever glorious and blessed virgin Mary. Our lady of perpetual, pray for us!

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PRAY FOR US AND THE
WHOLE WORLD**

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Glorious Saint Michael, guardian and defender of the Church of Jesus Christ, come to the assistance of His followers, against whom the powers of hell are unchained. Guard with special care our Holy Father, the Pope, and our bishops, priests, all our religious and lay people, and especially the children. Saint Michael, watch over us during life, defend us against the assaults of the demon, and assist us especially at the hour of death. Help us achieve the happiness of beholding God face to face for all eternity. Amen.

Saint Michael, intercede for me with God in all my necessities, especially (State your intention here...) Obtain for me a favorable outcome in the matter I recommend to you. Mighty prince of the heavenly host, and victor over rebellious spirits, remember me for I am weak and sinful and so prone to pride and ambition. Be for me, I pray, my powerful aid in temptation and difficulty, and above all do not forsake me in my last struggle with the powers of evil. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Glorious Archangel Saint Raphael, great prince of the heavenly court, you are illustrious for your gifts of wisdom and grace. You are a guide of those who journey by land or sea or air, consoler of the afflicted, and refuge of sinners. I beg you, assist me in all my needs and in all the sufferings of this life, as once you helped the young Tobias on his travels. Because you are the medicine of God, I humbly pray you to heal the many infirmities of my soul and the ills that afflict my body. I especially ask of you the favour (Make your request here...) and the great grace of purity to prepare me to be the temple of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

St. Raphael, of the glorious seven who stand before the throne of Him who lives and reigns, Angel of health,
The Lord has filled your hand with balm from heaven to soothe or cure our pains. Heal or cure us of our diseases and guide our steps when doubtful of our ways.

PRAYER FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS

Father almighty; remember your word in Psalm 34:10 which say "The lions may grow weak and hungry but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing." Also, in Proverbs 10:22 your word said "The blessing of the Lord brings wealth, without painful toil for it." Father, I beg you to bless me and the work of my hands. Let there be divine increase in [mention intention] let Your divine favour locate me in all I do and seek to do, For in Psalm 145:15, You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

Father in heaven; please fulfil all my heart desires in your mercy. I claim the word of Deuteronomy 28:11-13 which says "The Lord will grant you abundant prosperity – in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground – in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you. V.12 The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. V.13 The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom. I make this request, knowing that God will supply every need of mine according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. In accordance with Philippians 4:19.

PRAYER FOR OPEN HEAVEN

Remember your word oh Lord in Revelation 21:4 which says - And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. Standing on this word, I beg you to open heaven and rain down your blessings and favours oh Lord in Your mercy upon my me, my family, my business, mention more..... God please let your blessings overtake me in this life am living. Let your water of life of Revelation 22:1-5 fall upon me, my education, my family, mention more.....make a new heaven and new earth for me in accordance with Revelation 21:1. In 1 Corinthians 2:9, as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither has entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. Lord let all these precious things you have prepared for me begin to manifest in my life, I humbly beg. Show me pity and open up heaven for me. This I ask in Jesus Christ name I pray.

PRAYER FOR FAVOUR

Favour me and my family oh Lord for Psalms 90:17 says - And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it. Also in Psalms 102:13, the bible made it known that - Thou shall arise, [and] have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come. Therefore Lord God, make the word of Isaiah 58:11 which said - And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not, come true in my life and in my family. In Jesus Christ name I pray, I beg you glorious and merciful God to favour me in all aspect of life. Even in areas I don't deserve favour. Lord God of host, through the blood of Jesus that was shed on the cross of Calvary,

I beg you to favour me and my family and also..... [add other intention] this I believe you will do in your mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER FOR STRENGTH

Isaiah 41:10 says - Fear thou not; for I [am] with thee: be not dismayed; for I [am] thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Also in Deuteronomy 20:4 - For the LORD your God [is] he that goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you. In Isaiah 40:31, the word of the lord said - But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew [their] strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; [and] they shall walk, and never get tired. Jesus Christ of Nazareth, you are my strength. In this life I live, you are my power. Have mercy on me, for you are the substance in me. Empower me with the outburst of the Holy Spirit. In your word in Psalms 39:7, I ask: And now, Lord, what wait I for? My hope [is] in thee. In your mercy, always be that strength that always put a smile on my face. In 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 - you said unto me, my grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Jesus, in your mercy, be my strength

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

God the father, Son and Holy Spirit, I thank you for the numerous bless blessings you have showered upon me. Psalms 136:1 says “O give thanks to the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endures forever” lord, I acknowledge that you are good and all you have ever done for me are good things. In 1 Thessalonians 5:18, lord God, you said we should in everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Therefore,

I thank you for the gift of life

I thank you for complete senses

I thank you for the food I eat daily

I thank you for your protection over me

I thank you for good health I
thank you for your love for me

I thank you for sending your son to die for me I thank
you for your mercies.

I thank you for your guidance.

I thank you lord for what you have done, what you are doing and what you will do in my life. For in James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom is no fickleness, neither shadow of turning.