

Prayer Gathering for 27th Week of Ordinary Time

SIGN OF THE CROSS +

OPENING PRAYER

**God of the Ages, Conductor of Life's Symphony,
You hold all creation in harmony,
and oversee the passage of centuries and eras.
Calm our hurried hearts... soothe our anxious spirits...
and help us to trust in the wisdom of your divine timing.
We ask this in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ, our Lord. AMEN.**

READING

MOMENT FOR SILENCE

GOSPEL PASSAGE

SHARING QUESTIONS

"How long, O LORD? I cry for help but you do not listen! ...you do not intervene."
One of the hardest parts of faith is feeling as if God should be working faster or helping more. When can you remember it being hardest for you to wait for God?

"For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint; if it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late."

What keeps you trusting in God when there is so much evidence that darkness has the upper hand?

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DISCUSSION

The Apostles: "Increase our faith."

The Lord: "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

When have you had the most faith in your life? How much do you have now?

When you think of someone in your life who has the most faith, who comes to mind?

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

That Christ will find us ready and filled with faith when he returns in glory; we pray...

Lord, hear our prayer.

That our leaders will keep the vision of unity and peace in view and never cease to strive to make us a more harmonious, more perfect union; we pray...

Lord, hear our prayer.

That our young people will lead us in a greater appreciation for the limits of our natural resources and the need to conserve and cherish; we pray...

Lord, hear our prayer.

For patience; we pray...

Lord, hear our prayer.

That we may turn away from war and toward constructive dialogue; we pray...

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the poor... for all who fear the cost of heat this coming winter... for all who lack nutritious food; we pray...

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our beloved dead... ...and for everyone who is mourning... ...
we pray...

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the needs we share with God in silence... ...
we pray...

Lord, hear our prayer.

OUR FATHER

[OPTIONAL] PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (St. Alphonsus Ligouri)

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already here, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN.

CLOSING PRAYER

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.

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READING 1

A reading from the book of the prophet Habakkuk:

How long, O LORD?
I cry for help but you do not listen!

I cry out to you, "*Violence!*"
but you do not intervene.

Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery?

Destruction and violence are before me;
there is strife, and clamorous discord.

Then the LORD answered me and said:

*Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets,
so that one can read it readily.*

*For the vision still has its time,
presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint;
if it delays, wait for it,
it will surely come, it will not be late.*

*The rash one has no integrity;
but the just one, because of his faith, shall live.*

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

READING 2

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

The apostles said to the Lord, *"Increase our faith."*

The Lord replied,

*"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,
you would say to this mulberry tree,*

*'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,'
and it would obey you.*

*"Who among you would say to your servant
who has just come in from plowing
or tending sheep in the field,*

'Come here immediately and take your place at table'?

Would he not rather say to him,

'Prepare something for me to eat.

*Put on your apron and wait on me
while I eat and drink.*

You may eat and drink when I am finished'?

*Is he grateful to that servant
because he did what was commanded?*

So should it be with you.

When you have done all you have been commanded, say,

*'We are unprofitable servants;
we have done what we were obliged to do.'"*

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ

Luke, chapter 17