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"the" woman, chosen from among
all women for all time, to become the
Mother of the Redeemer



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Pope Speaks...

Pope Francis' universal prayer intention for September

"We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner."



When we look at the world around us, we realize that we are transforming the world into a file of filth. Due to uncontrolled exploitation of the world's resources, driven by human greed and self-centeredness, and done in the name of development, we are destroying the earth's capacity to sustain human life. The air we breathe, the water we drink, and even the soil is getting polluted and depleted. Many life forms are being pushed to extinction. This exploitation of the earth also results in the exploitation of the poor as the earth's resources are meant for all. The rich and the powerful corner most of the world's resources for their indulgent life style. The climate change we are

experiencing, the greatest threat to life our Earth has ever seen, is to a great extent man-made!

We forget that the Earth is not just a resource but a gift, an inheritance, that has to be taken care of as our future depends on the Earth. We are interconnected with the Earth and all of life. We come from the Earth and return to it when we die. We are a part of the Earth. Protecting human dignity is strongly linked to care for creation. The Earth belongs to all mankind and to all generations! This is why youth all over the world are getting involved in climate change issues and are calling for a new understanding of 'development and progress'. Our Faith reminds us that all creation will share in the transformation the Kingdom of God initiates.

Pope Francis' concern for ecology is best reflected in his encyclical, 'Laudato Si''. The Pope focuses on the relationship between global poverty, catastrophic inequality, and the worship of the golden calf of consumerism that leads to environmental destruction. He does not stint in his condemnation of worshiping gross national product over human life and health. The poor and marginal are his greatest concern, and they suffer the most from economic and environmental injustice.

The Pope propagates a new "integral ecology", i.e. that people and the planet are part of one family where the Earth is our common home. We should use the earth's resources according to our needs, sharing them with others according to the principles of justice, with fairness and respect. He invites people to protect God's creation for future generations, to embrace a lifestyle change for their own good, and to take care of people who are poor and more vulnerable. The Pope calls us to examine our hearts, transform our social values and take action for global solidarity. He tells us that we can build and protect our Common Home, the Earth, only if we emphasize the interconnectedness of social, economic and environmental justice.

IN THIS MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, LET US PRAY FOR PLANET EARTH.

Bishop Thomas Dabre



I am happy to note that there is a growing awareness of the importance of the sustained care of the earth's resources.

Ecology has become a very urgent issue. Therefore, it is no surprise that the Pope Francis wants us to pray for Mother Earth very fervently in this month of September. He says, "***Let us pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner***".

In a hard-hitting criticism, he very courageously holds rich industrialists and industrialised nations for plundering and looting the precious resources of the planet earth which are meant for all mankind.

He says, "***We are squeezing out the planet's goods. Squeezing them out, as if the earth were an orange. Countries and businesses from the global north have enriched themselves by exploiting the natural resources of the south, creating an ecological debt.***" Who is going to pay this debt ? In addition, this "***ecological debt***" is increased when multinationals do abroad what they would never be allowed to do in their own countries. ***It is outrageous.***"

He insists, "***Today, not tomorrow; today, we have to take care of Creation responsibly. No to plundering; yes, to sharing***"





WE ALL have to realise that the goods of the earth have to be preserved, and we cannot use and consume them as we want. They are meant for all. They are destined to be shared with one and all. The earth belongs to all : The present and the future generations.

I have set up a special **Climate Committee**. It is because this year in the Diocese we are observing the special year to celebrate the 5th Anniversary of **Laudato Si**, as mandated by the Holy Father for the Church and the world over. This special Climate Committee will help us to consider the following issues :

Global Warming has reached a critical point, its effects are:

Glaciers are melting, also ice caps. And sea levels are rising. As a result, there are threats of floods, tsunamis, and climate change: sometimes too cold, sometimes too hot, sometimes too wet, sometimes too dry, sometimes floods and sometimes droughts.

Carbon Emission has reached a critical level. It is the main cause of Global Warming. Fuel consumption, depletion of fossils, digging for sand, etc coal mining, burning of all kinds of objects, subterranean water reservoir, cutting down of trees, deforestation, etc. results in global warming, with all its disastrous consequences for ecology.

So, what can we, living our simple lives do about it at our level? We cannot helplessly say that we cannot do anything about it and that it is the responsibility of civil authorities, the Governments and world leaders, to tackle global warming and carbon emissions.

AT OUR END we can reduce the use of air conditioners, electric gadgets, plastic objects etc. We can have kitchen gardens, backyard farming, tree planting etc. around the residence. How do you dispose of digital and electronic waste; used computers, phones, electronic gadgets etc. and the daily household waste and garbage? We cannot just throw our dump anywhere.



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So, let us pray this month that God may give us light and strength to have a proper attitude towards ecology which Pope Francis impresses upon us.

Thomas Dabre

**Bishop Thomas Dabre
Bishop of Poona**





Honour her and Imitate her. Mary the Mother of Jesus Christ

Bishop Thomas Dabre

Dear Friends,

This days we are observing the Vailankanni Mata Festival in the Diocese of Poona. It has been a very regular and deep-seated feature of this diocese. The devotion of the local people to the Mother of Jesus Christ is admirable and with the teaching of the Holy Father, it is going to be further strengthened.

As you may know recently, Pope Francis added 3 new Marian invocations to the Loreto Litany. These are :

- 1) Mother of Mercy - Pray for us
- 2) Mother of Hope - Pray for us
- 3) Solace of Migrants- Pray for us

As you can sense the 3 invocations may well be regarded as being prompted by the present context of the coronavirus Pandemic, because we all feel helpless, uncertain, and fearful because of the dragon of coronavirus.

However, these 3 invocations are not, only of a relative and topical significance. These are permanent values. Mary the Mother of Jesus is full of Mercy, Hope and Consolation for us all. Her greatest gift is that she gave us Jesus Christ, who is the supreme manifestation of Gods mercy. Jesus' life was full of Mercy. His sacrifice on the Cross was the perfect expression of human-Divine Mercy. God's forgiveness and Redemption is the supreme Act of Mercy, and this was made possible by Mary, who said " Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done to me according to Thy word". Mary's greatness was not in her own personal merits, but in the fact that in all humility simplicity, obedience and trust, she welcomed Jesus into her mind, her heart, her body and in her entire life. That is the foundation of Mother Mary.

And now we are happy to know from the Holy Bible that what God gave her namely Jesus Christ, that, she gave to us Jesus Christ.

And so, let us thank God for the gift of Mother Mary. Let us love her and let us ask her to make us all like her.

Mary, Mother of Mercy, Mother of Hope and Solace of Migrants – Pray for us.

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Bishop Thomas Dabre
Bishop of Poona



FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF LAUDATO SI MEETING

Bishop Thomas Dabre has set a committee in the diocese of Poona to help us celebrate the Fifth Anniversary of pope Francis' document "Laudato Si".

A Zoom meeting was held on 25th August 2020. The meeting began with Opening prayer by Shirish on request of His Lordship.


Bishop Thomas Dabre opened the floor by extending Pope Francis' call to the people of diocese of Poona to protect the Mother Earth. Explaining the effects of Global warming, its manifestations, Cause and Remedies and the implications of it on our world and Environment the Bishop said that this call is urgent and serious. He mentioned the stern effects of CO₂ emissions in the atmosphere being the main cause of Global warming. He went on to throw light on the "Greenhouse Effect". (The greenhouse effect is a process that occurs when gases in Earth's atmosphere trap the Sun's heat. This process makes Earth much warmer than it would be without an atmosphere. The greenhouse effect is one of the things that makes Earth a comfortable place to live.).

Following points were discussed and highlighted by the attending members :

1. There was immense emission of CO₂ gases due to burning of Fossil fuel (Petroleum and Gas), Vehicle Emissions, Burning down of trees (Amazon Forest / Australia Bush Fires etc).
2. Industries emitting CO₂ and other gases into the atmosphere thereby polluting and heating the atmosphere.
3. Burning of Coal and Industries using coal polluting the atmosphere.
4. Depletion of the Ozone Layer thereby leading to exposure to direct sunlight and Radiation.

His Lordship further discussed and questioned each member about Organic farming and steps taken by each one of the members to Conserve Ecology and Protect the Environment in their respective areas. Varied ideas were put forth as follows:

1. To conduct a session on "Organic Plant & Soil Nutrients" for big farms, Green House Projects, Kitchen Garden and Indoor plants.
2. A project called Amanora Park was put forward as an example. The whole project was Eco Friendly and many steps taken there to ensure a clean environment, such as "Walk to Work" culture instead of use of vehicles. Complete use of "re-cycled" water and Bio Gas Project was implemented in the project. Plantation of plants and trees done extensively in and around the project was done.
3. In another Society/Area, "Rainwater Harvesting" Project & "Wet Waste management" project was put in place and operational already. The committee was invited to come and visit the project for further awareness.
4. In many Schools and Convents Segregation of Waste and Water Management was practiced. Zero use of plastic bags was implemented.
5. In another area in the Diocese "Organic Farming & Kitchen garden" was practiced and implemented. Greenery was promoted within the campus and Solar Panels were install to further save energy.

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6. Extensive distribution of seeds, Organic farming and promotion of tree plantations along the hills was carried out in the big way involving local farmers and residents around the Daund area.
 7. Special projects to promote ecology were carried out in the Satara area by the Poona Diocesan Social Service Society. In the local village limited or Zero use of plastic bags was promoted. Eco Friendly and Only one Idol per village was implemented. Tree plantation drives and Water harvesting projects was implemented there in a big way.

Bishop Dabre concluded the meeting with the following words; I also shared with you that my desire is that the diocese of Poona should become an outstanding example for an Eco-friendly diocese. I was impressed by your grasp of the climate issues and some of the important steps that you have been taking. It was really great indeed.

The Zoom meeting ended with a short and meaningful prayer by Fr. S. A. Louis.

Following are the members of this committee. 1.

1. Rt. Rev. Thomas Dabre, Bishop of Poona
2. Fr. Malcolm Sequeira
3. Fr. Roque Green
4. Fr. S. A. Louis
5. Fr. Dominic Adams
6. Fr. Denis Joseph
7. Fr. Linus Dabre
8. Fr. Vincent Lourduswamy MSFS
9. Fr. Bhausahab Sansare SJ
10. Fr. Osbern Furtado
11. Dn. Roy De Monte
12. Sr. Lovely FS
13. Mr. Darryl Cardoza
14. Maj. Gen. Nevil Misquitta
15. Mr. John Fernandes
16. Mrs. Milagrene Furtado
17. Youth
18. Shirish Sebastian
19. Reena Dondi

Darryl Cardoza
(DPC Secretary)

SPECIAL SPECIALLY ABLED DESERVE CARE



TARA SOFOSH DHADPHALE CENTER FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEED

Sr. Karuna Sadaphal. S.U.

We the Ursuline sisters are working in collaboration with SOFOSH in taking care of differently Abled children since 2006.

On 14th May 2008 as the building was completed these children got their own home 'Tara'. We joyfully shifted children from Vadgoan Sheri to Tara Pimple Gurave where better facilities available.

Tara is very spacious home that fulfills the right to a protected and dignified life of these Special Children. It's not only the place and facilities but we also have a very good and committed staff, caretakers and the driver at the service of the children.

At present we have: 2 sisters, 30 caretakers, 4 Office staff, 1 Driver, 2 Watchmen and 4 residential care takers.

We have 42 Special children at Tara at present. They are looked after well. Though most of them are bedridden and with multiple disabilities we do our

best to help them and make them to fill loved and cared for. Out of 42

Differently Abled Children 10 go to school. Among them 4 are studying in Snehalaya Wagholi. The others go to Kamayani a school for special children in Aundh. One girl who is on wheel chair has appeared for S.S.C exam this year. For other children who are home bound we have began teaching classes in the Centre itself. They sit in their wheel chair and a teacher conducts different activities for them. Also we have regular physiotherapy, speech therapy, water therapy and outdoor activities conducted to help them exercise various limbs of their body.

It is not easy to work with Special Children. It needs a lot of patience and determination. Therefore time to time we organize motivational classes for our care takers, so that they take good cares of our children.



This is my 5th year in Tara. It has been a wonderful experience being with them, though in the beginning it was very hard for me to see them in this condition. I found it was very painful and heart breaking to see their sufferings. They are basically very affectionate and loving children. They have taught me a lot for my life. I learnt firstly to be always grateful to God for the gift of life and good health and keeping me physically and mentally sound. For me this is my Big family where children are loved and cared for as they would be in their own families. We try our best to make them happy and keep a smile on their faces. By now I have learned to understand their every need, their emotions, feelings, ups and downs of their lives. We are a family filled with a bond of love and unity among us all.

Truly these Special Children have been a source of inspiration for me and every moment I am united to God through them. May God bless our Home 'Tara' and all those come here may see God's presence through them.



The child is the beauty of
God present in the world,
that greatest gift to a family.

St. Mother Theresa





Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (PWPN)

Fr. Peter D'Cruz, SJ


All of us have a desire to do something significant in our lives that will be of help to others, that will contribute to the welfare of mankind. The Church tells us that every baptized person is a missionary, sent into the world to continue the mission of Jesus. But we also realize that, because of our everyday responsibilities, we are rarely able to reach out beyond the narrow circles of family, relations and friends. Is there any way by which we can transcend these dichotomies and live out our Christian calling? Well, yes, there is!

We are all aware of *the power of prayer*. In the Gospel according to **Mathew (18:19-20)**, Jesus tells us, 'If on earth 2 of you are united in asking for anything, it will be granted to you by my heavenly Father. For when 2 or 3 are gathered in my name I am there with them'. This is exactly what the **"Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (PWPN)"** does. It unites disciples of Jesus Christ living across the world into a **Network of Prayer** (www.thepopesprayer.net) so that they can **pray together for the common intentions of humanity and of the Church as proposed by the Pope** (highlighted in *"the pope's video"*). *Every month* the Pope proposes a common need that has to be prayed for (mobile app. – *clicktopray*). As believers ask God's help to meet this need, they are also *inspired to do what they can in their situation to respond to this need*. Thus, *praying for the need can bring about an attitudinal change in the 'prayer' and may even lead to concrete, transforming action!* Thus, the faithful can respond fully to the call to prayer, to holiness and to mission!



The **PWPN** encourages **3 moments of Prayer during the day**. The day begins with the morning offering by which we offer the entire day to do the will of the Father just as Jesus did, in union with Jesus' sacrifice made present in the Eucharist, for the salvation of the world. We ask for the strength of the Holy Spirit to witness to God's love. Together with Mary and the Church, the prayer is made for the monthly intension of the Pope. Thus, *the prayer disposes one to doing God's will in daily life just as Jesus did* (Jn 4:34), and this makes us members of the family of Jesus Christ (Lk 8:21). During the day the member becomes aware of how the Lord has been accompanying him during the first half of the day and to what extent has he done God's will in his life. He thanks God for the graces received and asks pardon for his failures. At night the member once again looks over the entire day and thanks the Lord for being with him throughout the day. He reflects to what extent he has cooperated with the graces he received, asks pardon for his failings and asks Jesus to give him the graces he needs.

The spirituality of the PWPN and its formation program is presented as a *school of the heart*.



Thus, the PWPN - a pontifical service entrusted to the Society of Jesus - is the Church's official worldwide network of prayer and service inviting us to respond to the needs of humanity today as expressed in the monthly intentions of the Pope. At the same time it is a spirituality that allows each member to live out his/her Christian vocation of becoming "Christ bearers" through union with the Heart of the Risen Lord!

In 9 steps this pathway leads us to identify with the mind, heart and projects of Jesus. We are called to experience the unconditional, unlimited love of God for us and for all humanity and to respond to this love by entering into a personal love covenant with the Risen Lord. Thus, our love for him and his concerns expands our heart to embrace the whole world and we place our daily life at his disposal. After all, **love must be shown in deeds and not only in words!**

These 9 steps are actually 9 statements that need to be reflected and prayed on so as to deepen our awareness of God's love for us. They *lead us to identify with the mind, heart and projects of Jesus*. This program transforms us daily and deeper into praying-apostles and disciple-missionaries, for a mission of compassion in the world. They are: a) In the beginning there was Love (2) The human heart, restless and needy. (3) In a broken world. (4) The Father sends his Son to save. (5) He calls us his friends. (6) He abides in us. (7) We offer our lives along with Him. (8)

A mission of compassion. (9) A world-wide network of prayer and service attentive to the needs of humanity.

These 9 steps correspond to the **9 First Fridays of the Sacred Heart**, which is the symbol of God's unconditional love for us. As we grow in our personal love for the Risen Lord, we start experiencing the fruits of the Holy Spirit, especially joy and peace, in our lives. At the same time we start discovering his presence around us, especially in the poor and marginalized. We recall his words, "whenever you did this to one of the least of my brothers, you did it to me" (Mt. 25:40). Thus, the PWPN is **symbolized**

by the heart – the human heart and the Sacred Heart of Jesus – which work in unison to respond to the needs of humanity today.

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BEHOLDING THE HOLY FACE

Fr. Joseph Sergott, O.P.

There is a popular saying, “*the eyes are the windows to the soul.*” But I believe that the face reveals the secrets of the heart. We can often tell the inner emotions of a person whether they are happy, sad, angry, afraid or even in love by the “look” upon their face. There are some who can hide their emotions by displaying a “poker-face,” while others cannot veil their faces from what’s in their heart.

We first get to know someone by beholding their face. Then it becomes recognizable when we see them again. Over time their face becomes symbolic of who they are. Even for someone who is blind, they can get to know a person by the shape and curve of their face because each face is unique.

For thousands of years people have longed to see God. No doubt, many people have said throughout human history, “*If I could only see God then I would believe.*” There is something in our human nature that needs to see and to be looked upon by another.

In this world we cannot see God face to face; we have to encounter him and come to recognize and know him through the eyes of faith. This happens as we encounter Jesus in the sacraments of the Church, in the Holy Scriptures, through the power of the Holy Spirit, through the mysteries of the Rosary and in other prayer, in various life experiences and through the faith of others.

For those of us who pray the Liturgy of the Hours, we are familiar with the striking passage from the Book of Revelation that we read every Sunday at night prayer: “*They shall see the Lord face to face and bear his name upon their foreheads. The night shall be no more. They will need no light from lamps or the sun, for the Lord God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever.*” (Rev 22:4-5)

This vision from Revelation foreshadows the fulfillment of the longing of the human heart repeatedly captured by the psalms, e.g., “*My soul*

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thirsts for God, the living God. When can I enter and see the face of God?” (Ps 42:3), and “*The LORD is just and loves just deeds; the upright will see his face*” (Ps 11:7), and “*O LORD of hosts, restore us; let your face shine upon us, that we may be saved*” (Ps 80:4). There is something prophetic in these divinely inspired psalms that speak of the Face of God and of the light and countenance it bears upon all who are blessed to feel his gaze.

It’s difficult for us to imagine what eternal life in heaven will be like, but it will mean seeing God face to face. As Our Lord says, “*Angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father*” (Mt 18:10). One of the most ancient blessings known to man is from the Book of Numbers. When we wish this blessing upon another, we pray that God in all of his glory will shine upon them through his Face because when God’s face shines upon us it manifests his benevolence, approval, blessing, and his grace and peace: “*The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace*” (Num 6:25). Perhaps the real truth is that once we see God face to face there will be nothing between us that is unknown.

(Fr. Joseph Sergott, O.P. is the Director of the Rosary Center, and Promoter of the Rosary Confraternity)



AVE MARIA !

If you think about it, the Blessed Virgin Mary was the first human being to behold the physical Face of God as Jesus Christ came forth from her womb. Up until the Incarnation, the Blessed Trinity, that is, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, were pure spirit. In the Incarnation, the Logos or the Word assumed our human nature, body and soul, and became man. Thus, at the monumental event that was the Birth of Christ, God, for the first time revealed his human face! Thus, we can say that Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God (Col 1:15).

As I imagine the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph gazing upon their child in the manger, the lyrics of Silent Night (by Fr. Joseph Mohr) come to mind, "Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light; radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace . . ." Indeed, at the birth of




Christ, for the first time the world was introduced to the Face of God, but most of the world did not know it; only a few recognized him. Simeon, a righteous and devout man, had waited his entire life to behold the face of the Messiah, and Anna, the prophetess, who never left the temple but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer, saw the face of Christ, and they recognized the light to the Gentiles and the glory of Israel (Lk 2:25ff.)

In one of the key events in Jesus' life on earth, he took the disciples to the top of a mountain where he was transfigured in glory before their eyes. This glorious manifestation revealed him as the only begotten Son of the Father and as the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. He knew they needed to see him in this way because of the suffering that he would soon endure. "And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." (Mt 17:2) This image of the glorified face of Christ reflects the glory of the Father. As Jesus says, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him Whoever has seen me has seen the Father." (Jn 14:7ff.) Thus, in the Transfiguration, Jesus reflects the refulgence of the Father's glory and the very imprint of his being (Heb 1:3). In this incident we recall the words of St. Paul, "For God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts to bring to light the knowledge of the glory of God on the face of (Jesus) Christ." (2 Cor 4:6) On the top of that mountain the glorified Face of God was revealed to the three disciples and they were overcome with wonder. Indeed, they received a mere snapshot of what the faithful behold in heaven.

However, soon thereafter, they would see a very different face of the Lord. That same face that shown brightly from the mountaintop would soon





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be slapped, spit upon, and punctured with thorns.

As the Old Testament prophecies about the Face of God shining down upon the faithful in heaven, it also foresees and envisages the face of the Suffering Servant who does not run from his tormentors, but stands and faces them: "I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help; therefore, I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame." (Is 50:6-7)

There is something magnificent in the face of Our Lord as he gazes upon his saints and angels in heaven, yet there was poignancy as he faced sinners on earth who despised him. You can even say that he turned his face openly toward evil and death and defied them. It speaks of his love for all people, of the sacrifice that he endured and the salvation that he procured: "For it is on your account I bear insult, that disgrace covers my face." (Ps 69:8)

There is only one face of Jesus Christ. The infant face that emanated beams of joy matured into the God-Man who stood on the mountaintop with eternal light shining forth from his face. That same face turned and looked upon his detractors as they ridiculed and beat him. There is an irony in the scourging of Our Lord: the same face that millions have hoped would one day gaze upon them in heaven was blindfolded, struck, and spat upon (Mk

14:65). In masking his face, they tried to veil his own sight; but, what he envisioned was beyond their understanding. Perhaps what they were doing unbeknownst to themselves was trying to shroud the glory of his face because they could not look upon the face of the One who felt nothing but love for them.

How many times must the Blessed Virgin Mary have contemplated the face of Jesus? She beheld his face in his infancy, after she and Joseph found him in the temple after three days of searching, in his preaching and through his miracles, and as he entered into the depths of his Passion. As Jesus walked the road to Calvary, his Mother met him upon the way and she looked upon his face in its agony—not only from his physical suffering but as he took upon himself the sins of the world. Then from the Cross as he cast his eyes down upon her, she looked up to him until he died. Then, only a few hours later, as she held his dead body in her arms, she took one last look upon the Holy Face. She would have to persevere in faith through three agonizing days until she beheld him in all of his glory on the

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morning of his Resurrection. Finally, as she was assumed into heaven, she beheld his Face and would never have to say goodbye again.

Now, because of Jesus' resurrection from the dead, we carry the hope of St. Paul and all the faithful, "At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known." (1 Cor 13:12) It seems to me that the very first thing that we will "see" if we are blessed to gain eternal life, is the Face of Jesus welcoming us home. "May God be gracious to us and bless us; may his face shine upon us." (Ps 67:2)



TESTIMONY OF FAITH

Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us

I'm indeed truly blessed to receive two miracles this month in my life and therefore with joy I demonstrate my testimony.

Two weeks back my daughter Michelle woke up in the morning crying 'Mama I cannot see'. Her vision had become completely blurred in both eyes. I immediately took her to the doctor and on examination he found that she has lost 40% of her vision due to the reaction of medication taken for migraine. It was a big jolt to us but nor me or my family lost faith in God. We stormed heaven with prayers, sent petitions to Our Lady of Lourdes. That very evening while we were reciting the online rosary at the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, my daughter suddenly cried out and said 'Mama, I can see the television screen'. A true miracle indeed! Next day I took her back to the doctor and he himself couldn't believe it and said, 'nothing else but a miracle has brought her vision back'.



As the effect of lockdown, some days back my husband was called by the company owner along with all the other managers and a meeting was held informing them that due to huge drop in business, 50% of staff will be removed. The list of staff will be made known soon. We placed our petition at our Mama Mary's feet and Praise God my Mama Mary interceded for us he has been kept back on duty

Prayer never go unanswered.
Salve Maria

Devotee
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September

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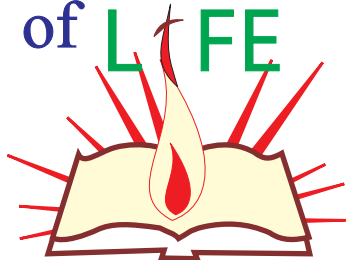
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God Bless You

Word of LIFE



HOLY FATHER'S UNIVERSAL INTENTION: Respect for the Planet's Resources
We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

September 2020

8 TUE Cel as Girl Child day:
The Nativity of the Bl. V. Mary

Mic 5: 1-4; Ps 12:6-7; Mt 1: 1-16,18-23

9 WED

1 Cor 7: 25-31; Ps 44:11-2,14-17;
Lk 6: 20-26

10 THU

1 Cor 8: 1-7,11-13; Ps 138:1-3,13-14,23-24;
Lk 6: 27-38

11 FRI

1 Cor 9: 16-19,22-27; Ps 83:3-6,12;
Lk 6: 39-42

12 SAT

1 Cor 10: 14-22; Ps 115:12-13,17-18;
Lk 6:43-49

13 SUN 24th Sun in Ord. Time

Sir 27: 30-28:7; Ps 102:1-4,9-12; Rom 14: 7-9;
Mt 18: 21-35

14 MON The Exaltation of the Cross

Num 21: 4-9 Ps 77: 1-2,34-38; Jn 3: 13-17

15 TUE Our Lady of Sorrows

Heb 5: 7-9; Ps 30: 2-6,15-16,20; Jn 19: 25-27

16 WED

1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Ps 32: 2-5,12,22;
Lk 7: 31-35

17 THU

1 Cor 15: 1-11; Ps 117:1-2,15-17,28;
Lk 7: 36-50

18 FRI

1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 16: 1,6-8,15; Lk 8: 1-3

19 SAT

1 Cor 15: 35-37,42-49; Ps 55:10-14;
Lk 8:4-15

20 SUN 25th Sun in Ord. Time

Is 55:6-9; ps 144:2-3,8-9,17-18; Phil 1:20-24,27;
Mt 20: 1-16

21 MON

Eph 4: 1-7,11-13; Ps 18:2-5; Mt 9: 9-13

22 TUE

Prov 21: 1-6,10-13; Ps 118:1,27,30,34,35,44;
Lk 8:19-21

23 WED

Prov 30: 5-9; Ps 118:29,72,89,101,104,163;
Lk 9:1-6

24 THU

Qoh 1: 2-11; Ps 89: 3-6,12-13,14-17; Lk 9: 7-9

26 SAT

Qoh 11: 1-12; Ps 89: 3-6, 12-14,17;
Lk 9: 43-45

28 MON

Job 1: 6-22; Ps 16:1-3,6-7;Lk 9: 46-50

30 WED

Jb 9: 1-13, 14-16; Ps 87: 10-15; Lk 9: 57-62

25 FRI Episc Ordin Bp Emeritus Valerian D'Souza

Qoh 3: 1-11; Ps 143: 1-4; Lk 9: 18-22

27 SUN 26th Sun in Ord. Time

Ezek 18:25-28; Ps 24:4-9;Phil 24: 4-9;
Mt 21: 28-32

29 TUE The Holy Archangels:
Michael, Gabriel, Raphael:

Dan 7: 9-10,13-14; Ps 137: 1-5; Jn 1: 47-51

October 2020

1 THU St Therese of the Child Jesus

Is 66:10-14; Ps 130; Mt 18: 1-5



3 SAT

Job 42: 1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 118:
66,71,91,125,130; Lk 10: 17-24

2 FRI The Holy Guardian Angels:

Ex 23: 20-23; Ps 90: 1-6,10-11;
Mt 18: 1-5,10



4 SUN 27th Sun in Ord. Time

Is 5: 1-7; Ps 79: 9,12-16,19-20; Phil 4: 6-9;
Mt 21: 33-43

