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*In the Spirit of
St. Camillus*

Notes from Pastoral Care

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

Please remember the Holy Father Pope Francis' intentions in prayer throughout the month of November:

Christians in Asia

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

November 1 - All Saints Day

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have

died and not yet reached heaven.

Although millions or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints --that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church.

November 2 - All Souls Day

Today we remember our loved ones who have passed from this earthly life to eternal life in Christ.

those who have departed sing us into eternity with the music of blessing and hope. With faith in your abounding grace, we pray. Amen

Let us Pray: Merciful God, we pray for those who have died. Ease their transition from this world and into Eternal Life. May they find light that guides their passage into your warm embrace. And when the time comes for our dying, may the souls of

Eternal rest grant unto them O lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



November 16th - Our Lady Health of the Sick

Our Lady, Health of the Sick, I look to you for the comfort of a mother's love, I pray to you on behalf of those who are

suffering and for my own healing needs.

Mary, your love strengthens me and brings me peace.

Our Lady, Health of the Sick, embrace all who are emotionally and physically ill that they may return to good health under your tender care. And please intercede for my very special needs. (Mention your needs here).

Mary, your love strengthens me and brings me peace. Our Lady, Health of the Sick, pray for us. Amen.



November 23 - Thanksgiving

Father all-powerful, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite. On Thanksgiving

Day we come before You with gratitude for Your kindness: open our hearts to concern for our

fellow men and women, so that we may share your gifts in loving service.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



November 26th - Feast of Christ the King

Kings today are an unfamiliar breed. The few that are left have no political power. But, in ancient times, kings

were sacred and absolute. They were crowned at their coronation with a special consecration and anointing. And the ancient king set the tone

and spirit of his realm. A good king made for a prosperous and orderly kingdom.

That idea is by no means dead today. The influence of a leader is still a powerful factor in modern life. For example, take education. A school takes its spirit from the principal. Does he or she love and respect children? The same is true

of Christ the leader of the worldwide Christian community. His spirit must be the spirit of the people of his kingdom.

The phrase “The kingdom of God” must have been often on the lips of Jesus. St. Luke mentions it 24 times in his Gospel; St. Matthew 39 times. Jesus never defined the Kingdom but he described it in parables. In Chapter 13 of his Gospel, St. Matthew gathered 7 parables each beginning with “the Kingdom of God is like. . .” “ . . . like a pearl of great price,” “ . . . like yeast hidden in the dough.”

In the Lord’s Prayer, Jesus taught us to pray: “Thy Kingdom come . . .” immediately followed by “Thy will be done.” We know the semitic style of parallelism one sentence explaining or expanding another. And so, the definition of the Kingdom is “a community of people who do God’s will on earth as perfectly as it is done in heaven.”

From what Jesus said about His Father’s kingdom, some interesting facts emerge:

1. It is an eternal Kingdom. It existed in THE PAST. Jesus warned the Pharisees: “There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the Kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out.” [LK 13;20]

It exists in THE PRESENT. He said: “The Kingdom of God is among you.”

It exists in THE FUTURE. The good thief said: “Remember me when you come into your kingdom.” [LK 23;42]

2. It is a universal kingdom; not territorial or national, but worldwide. Jesus said: “People will come from the east and the west from north and south to sit at table in the kingdom of God.” [LK 12;30]
3. It certainly is not a political kingdom. Jesus said to Pilate: “My kingdom is not of this world.” (Jn. 18;36)
4. It is a hidden kingdom. Jesus said: “The kingdom of God is like yeast which a woman took and kneaded into 3 measures of flour.” [pMT. 13;33] The Vatican Council puts it this way:

“The Kingdom of God is already present in mystery. When the Lord appears, it will be brought to full flower. Then Christ will hand over to the Father a kingdom eternal and universal, a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice, love and peace.” [Ch. In Mod. World, #39]

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November's Thoughts to Ponder



A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note: "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."



A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17." The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Several went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."

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