



**THE MEN AND  
WOMEN  
OF FAITH**  
*Scriptural Reading:*  
**Heb. 11: 31-35**

WEDNESDAY  
**19<sup>TH</sup>**  
AUGUST  
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**Y**esterday, we mentioned Jesus as the Author and Finisher of our faith. Today, we will reflect about those men and women whose faith in Christ shaped their lives and influenced their environment. For want of space, we shall not mention them by name. They were different from one another in several ways, living in different places at different times, in different circumstances. But the one thing they had in common was an unshakeable faith in Christ, which transformed their otherwise-ordinary lives into extraordinary expenses. Some brought back the dead to life; others brought about the conversion of many. Some improved the human society; others instructed many in virtue. No human strength or ingenuity could achieve what faith achieved in them. Like them, we seek and desire to know God personally, so that our lives – and those we come into contact with – will be profoundly enriched in this life, while we look forward to an even richer eternity.



**MEDITATION:**

Is my faith making a difference in my life and in those of others? Am I continuing steadfast on the way of faithfulness?



**STRATEGIC PRAYER POINTS**

1. Ask God for the grace to be faithful to the end.
2. Pray that your faith may enrich your life and those around you.
3. Invite the Lord to flood your life with His transforming grace.
4. Pray for the leaders of the Church for the grace of humility in service.
5. Pay now against the spread of corona virus pandemic
6. Say the prayers to St. Michael and St. Jude in pages 101 and 103
7. Present your private intentions to God
8. Say your daily prophetic prayers (page 6).

### **DAILY PROPHETIC PRAYERS**

1. Lord God of Power and Might you are worthy of my praise and adoration from generation to generation. We thank you and praise your Holy name for what you have done, what you are doing and for what you are about to do.
2. Oh Lord, as you delivered Israel from captivity so you will surely deliver me.
3. As you delivered Daniel from the den of Lions you will surely deliver me.
4. As you delivered Paul and Silas, I know you will surely break the prison bars and set me free.
5. Do not let the power of darkness reign over me.
6. Do not abandon me to the power of the grave.
7. Do not let people ask me;” where is your God?”
8. Oh Lord Jesus, touch me one more time and heal, save and set me free.
9. Breath life upon me that I may live, become fruitful and prosper in all ramifications.
10. I will serve you in truth and Spirit all the days of my life. And nations shall praise you for your goodness in my life.

In the most powerful name of Jesus, Amen

### **PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL AGAINST THE FORCES BEHIND COVID - 19.**

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

### **WE PRAY WITH ST JUDE THE PATRON OF DIFFICULT CASES AGAINST THE SPREAD OF CORONA VIRUS**

O most holy apostle, Saint Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honoureth and invoketh thee universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, and of things almost despaired of. Pray for me, who am so miserable. Make use, I implore thee, of that particular privilege accorded to thee, to bring visible and speedy help where help was almost despaired of. Come to mine assistance in this great need, that I may receive the consolation and succor of Heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly... (insert your prayer request here, especially the menace of COVID - 19 Pandemic) ...and that I may praise God with thee and all the elect throughout eternity.

I promise thee, O blessed Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favour, to always honour my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to thee.  
Amen.

