



WHAT IS FAITH?

*Scriptural Reading :
Heb. 11: 1-6*

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Yesterday we asked: Where is your faith? Today, let us begin the attempt to properly understand what faith is. Faith, according to Heb. 11:1, is “the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” The CCC explains further that faith is the adequate response to God’s invitation (CCC 142). Again it says, “Faith is certain. It is more certain than all human knowledge because it is founded on the very word of God who cannot lie” (CCC 157). Faith is essentially about believing: believing in God (that He exists, that He can do all things, and submitting to His authority); and believing God (to be in charge and to do what He says He will do). Faith is trusting God even when our human mind does not fully understand what we are dealing with. Faith is holding on to God’s word in all things.



MEDITATION:

Am I responding to God in faith? Do I truly believe Him and take Him by His word?



STRATEGIC PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray for the gift of faith.
2. Ask for the grace to hold on to God and His word at all times.
3. Pray for the grace never to doubt God.
4. Pray for the leaders of the Church and of the Charismatic Renewal for the grace of humility in service
5. Pray 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

Oh Lord God of power and might we praise and thank you for your goodness and mercy in my life. I acknowledge that you are the only one true God and the Almighty who can do all things, who knows all things and who is everywhere at the same time.

I beseech you Lord to show me your mercy and forgiveness, I have sinned against you through my thoughts, words and actions. Through your sacrificial death on the cross I receive mercy and boldness to approach your throne of grace.

Let the precious blood of Jesus wash me and make me whiter than snow. Heal me oh Lord by your wounds that I may be totally restored.

I receive your Grace to rise above every limitation.

I receive your Grace to move from Glory to Glory. I proclaim my total freedom in the mighty name of Jesus.

I shall testify the goodness of God in the land of the living in the most powerful name of Jesus.

I shall not die but live to declare the goodness of God I shall not be put to shame for the Lord is by my side. I shall glorify the Lord all the days of my life.

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 invoceth 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 thee as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to thee
Amen.

