



FAITH AND ACTION

Scriptural Reading:
James 2: 14-26

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Faith is nothing but mere convenience if it is not accompanied by action. St James wrote, “What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him?” So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But some will say, ‘You have faith and I have works.’ Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith” (James 2:14, 17-18). Faith drives us to action: action towards God and towards our neighbours. As St John wrote, “He who says he is in the light and hates his brother is in the darkness still. He who loves his brother abides in the light, and in it there is no cause for stumbling” (1 John 2:9-10). Let us therefore go out in love to look after others.



MEDITATION:

Is my faith active enough to look after others? Does my faith propel me to take actions for God?



STRATEGIC PRAYER POINTS

1. Thank God for the gift of faith.
2. Ask God for the grace to act based on your faith.
3. Pray for a faith that actively seeks to assist others
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.

