



APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING

Scriptural Reading:
John 15:5-8

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St. Paul in his letter to the Romans showed how much he struggled to please God by obeying the laws and doing what is good but instead, he found himself doing the contrary (Rom 7:14-24). He further lamented saying, "what a wretched man I am, who will deliver me from this body of death". It was necessary for him to cry out for help. The help actually came through Christ so he exclaimed in the subsequent verse, "thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord (V. 25).

Jesus pointed out that we can do nothing apart from Him. As the branches, we must remain connected to Jesus the vine so we can begin to bear fruits. Indeed, no one can achieve holiness by his own efforts. You have to constantly rely on the grace of God in order to live a good and holy life.



MEDITATION

Do I rely on my efforts or on the grace of God and how do I relate my weaknesses to Jesus?



STRATEGIC PRAYER POINTS

1. Lord Jesus, draw me nearer unto you
2. I receive from you Lord the grace to live a holy life
3. Have your way oh Lord in my life in Jesus name
4. Pray for the leaders of the Church 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

1. Lord God of Power and Might you are worthy of my praise and adoration from generation to generation. We thank 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 thee as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to thee.

Amen.