

MORNING MEDITATION

Thursday, Thirty-third Week in Ordinary Time

**The fourth Thursday of November is Thanksgiving Day in U.S.A.
We wish all visitors to our website in USA a very happy and joyful day.
May God bless you and your families with grateful hearts, joyful sharing,
and peace-filled days. May this day be a day of blessing and grace for you!**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

**Be Steadfast in loving and giving yourself in loving kindness
to the world around you!**

1 Maccabees 2:15-29

Mattathias and his sons refused to abandon the traditions and religious practices of their ancestors. Neither the promise of great wealth nor the threat of death could persuade them to abandon their religion even in smallest matters. Mattathias challenged his people to follow his example and stand strong in the face of trials and severe testing times.

Psalm 50

**Offer to God praise as your sacrifice
And fulfill your vows to the Most High;
Then call upon me in time of distress;
I will rescue you and you shall glorify me.....**

Luke 19:41-44

Jesus weeps over Jerusalem! He knew what would happen to that city! He read the signs of the times!

Reflect on how Jesus expressed his own feelings and what that means for you!

If you only had known the path to peace, Jesus exclaimed!

**Share this urgent longing of Jesus for “peace” and pray with it. Peace I leave with you,
My Peace I give unto you. (Jn. 14:27)**

The Jews were embarking on political maneuvers that ended in the destruction of Jerusalem in the year 70. The tragedy was that if they had only abandoned their dreams of political power and taken the way of Christ, it would not have happened.

Reflect on what this means for us today in the context of what is happening in our world. Pray about it.

Saint of the Day, November 23 - Saint Clement and 11 other saints are remembered this day.

Clement of Rome was the third successor of Saint Peter, reigning as pope during the last decade of the first century. He's known as one of the Church's five "Apostolic Fathers," those who provided a direct link between the Apostles and later generations of Church Fathers. Clément's First Epistle to the Corinthians was preserved and widely read in the early Church. This letter from the bishop of Rome to the Church in Corinth concerns a split that alienated a large number of the laity from the clergy. Deploring the unauthorized and unjustifiable division in the Corinthian community, Clement urged charity to heal the rift.

According to tradition, Clement was imprisoned under the Emperor Trajan and during this time led a ministry among fellow prisoners. Thereafter he was executed by being tied to an anchor and thrown into the sea. He was Pope, probably, from the year 88 till his death in 99.

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