

# **MORNING MEDITATION**

**Wednesday, Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Simplicity means giving a straightforward opinion about things in the way we honestly see them, without needless reservations.**

## **Revelation 15:1-4**

This vision of John describes the calamities that surround the final judgment. It also reveals that the victory and glory of the redeeming Lamb is the apex and the goal of the history of salvation. Those who have come through the battle and the suffering into blessedness sing the song of Moses; "Mighty and wonderful are your works Lord...Righteous and true are your ways O King..." John had the vision of the saints marching into victory, into blessedness and glory and singing the praises of God.

## **Psalms 98**

**Sing to the Lord a new song,  
For he has done wondrous deeds;  
His right hand has won victory for him,  
his holy arm.**

## **Luke 21:12-19**

Jesus told his disciples that they will be arrested and persecuted, even delivered over by their own families; that they will be hated, but not a "hair on their head will be lost". Jesus encouraged them to stand strong and not be afraid.

**Trust in the Lord! Stand strong and be not afraid!**

Jesus told them to trust and not be worried about defending themselves. He promised to give them words to speak and wisdom to know what to say to the adversaries. He said to them "by patient endurance, you will save your lives".

**Pray for the gift of "patient endurance".**

**Pray for the gift of wisdom to listen and discern what God is saying to you now and for the courage to respond to God's call.**

**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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