

MORNING MEDITATION

Wednesday, Thirty-second Week in Ordinary Time

Find your purpose daily and live life to the fullest and never give up.

Wisdom 6:1-11

The author tells those in authority and power that all authority comes from God and that they are responsible to God. God shows no partiality – no special favors because one is in authority and power – God is the God of all people, the mighty as well as the lowly.

The author encourages his readers to be faithful to God's law and desire God's word of wisdom. God will instruct those who desire his wisdom.

Psalm 82

**Defend the lowly and the fatherless;
Render justice to the afflicted and the destitute.
Rescue the lowly and the poor;
From the hand of the wicked deliver them....**

Luke 17:11-19

Ten lepers asked Jesus for healing. Jesus sent them to the priests, and they were healed on the way. One of them returned to give thanks. Jesus said to him, "your faith has made you well".

Jesus always had a way of bringing out the best in others. He affirmed and appreciated the faith and the gratitude of this leper, who under all circumstances would never have been noticed by anyone. Jesus used this opportunity to teach his followers to be grateful disciples. Gratitude is the memory of the heart.

Gratefulness is an attitude, the quality of a person and not a word or phrase said in polite gesture.

Look beyond what you see. See goodness beyond appearances. Bring out the best in others and from all circumstances in life. Be grateful!

Saint of the Day, November 12 - St. Josaphat and 22 other saints are remembered this day.

St. Josaphat was born John Kuncevic around 1580 in Vladimir, a village of the Lithuanian Province of Volhynia (then a part of the Polish Kingdom begun under the Jagellonian Dynasty). His parents belonged to the Eastern Rite Church of Kyiv (Ukraine) which was then separated from Rome.

In 1595, the Orthodox bishop of Brest-Litovsk in present-day Belarus and five other bishops representing millions of Ruthenians, sought reunion with Rome. John Kunsevich, who took the name Josaphat in religious life, was to dedicate his life, and die for the same cause. He became a Basilian monk, then a priest, and soon was well known as a preacher and an ascetic.

St. Josaphat is the first Byzantine-rite saint to be formally canonized. As Bishop, he worked for better understanding, acceptance and fair treatment of Byzantine Catholics in Poland. One day, he offered himself in the place of the servants being beaten by an angry crowd and the crowd hit him with an ax, shot him and threw him in the river. He died on November 12, 1623. He kept his faith alive and stirred into flame the faith of many others.

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