

# **MORNING PRAYER**

**Saturday, Thirty-third Week in Ordinary Time**

**Forbearance is enduring the troubles of this world  
and facing them with a compassionate spirit.**

## **Revelation 11:4-12**

The two witnesses mentioned in this excerpt have been interpreted as the law and the prophets, Old Testament and New Testament, Enoch and Elijah, Moses and Elijah and so on. Whatever the interpretations may be, the two witnesses were to be slain by the beast (Antichrist) from the abyss after their allotted time of preaching. However, the breath of life would enter the slain witnesses and they would be drawn into heaven.

**God's prophets and witnesses will live again.**

## **Psalm 144**

**Blessed be the Lord, my rock,  
Who trains my hands for battle, my fingers for war.  
My refuge and my fortress,  
My stronghold, my deliverer,  
My shield in whom I trust.....**

## **Luke 20: 27-40**

The Sadducees asked Jesus about the law of the "Levirate" marriage, which requires that if a man died leaving no children, his brother must marry the widow and raise posterity to his brother. The reason for this law was to provide for the widow, the family name and the inheritance.

The concern of the Sadducees was not the law itself or its legality or validity. They wanted to ridicule Jesus about his teaching on Resurrection and eternal life. Their question was about how relationships will be sorted out in the resurrection. The response of Jesus was very simple: no one needs to worry about such human matters in the resurrection because God is the God of life not of death.

**Death comes to a close - living goes on and on.....death is the door to eternity....all are  
alive in God.**

**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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