

LIVINGTHEWORD

- ❖ The Amalekites were a constant threat to the peaceful settlement of God's people in the Promised Land. The battle scene is describing a theological point. Other countries made political and military alliances. Israel was to rely on God. And prayer works! What does the phrase 'keeping your hands raised up' mean for you? Have you asked anyone to pray to God for your protection? Is prayer a spare tyre or a steering wheel for you (Corrie Ten Boom)? Can you remember an experience where you recognised the power of prayer?
- ❖ Moses, the leader of God's people, is getting tired. He needs Aaron and Hur to support his hands. Who do you recognise as a spiritual leader and guide for you? What support could you offer? Joshua was out fighting in the field. Aaron was being trained as a leader at the side of Moses. Hur is a hidden and unknown figure behind the scenes. Which character do you most identify with? Who is at your side when you need prayer support? What is the next step for you in public leadership in the Church?
- ❖ It's not intellectual proofs of God that convince people, but witnesses. St Paul reminds Timothy of his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice (2 Tim 1:5) who taught and witnessed faith to him from his infancy. Who has been a faith witness to you through your life?
- ❖ Scripture is inspired by God – literally, '*God breathed!*' – and is able to continually inspire, encourage and challenge, in a living way, at every reading. Remember and write down an experience when the Word made you uncomfortable ... convinced you about some truth ... challenged you deeply ... encouraged and comforted you.
- ❖ Jesus paints a picture of a mean judge who does not listen or care about anyone. Jesus is saying that God is **not** like that. Evil as the judge is, he responds to the persistent pleading and is fearful of the widow, who will 'strike me and give me a black eye'! (in the original Greek). Jesus encourages us that God is not someone we need to wear down with constant prayer. God wants to meet the needs of his chosen ones as a perfect parent. Have you moved from *praying with lots of words* to *praying with lots of silence*? What brings you to peace and assurance of God's love? What does the image of a baby, silent in a parents' arms, symbolise for you?
- ❖ Widows were not allowed to inherit their husband's property. If they didn't have family, they had no one to care for or look after them. Judges were to ensure widows, orphans and aliens (foreigners) were looked after. This widow is obviously raising her voice to demand justice. She will not sit down, feel powerless, or reduce herself to being broken and afraid; she uses her voice with courage and persistence. She is not willing to be silenced in the face of injustice. Jesus reveals God is on the side of the poor and marginalised – the One who listens to their prayers. Woe to those who allow the world to remain an unjust and inhospitable place for many. When have you raised your voice for justice? What area of need or justice project catches your attention. When we are sensitive to the Holy Spirit, we are sensitive to God calling us through the things we notice and pay attention to (*or, sometimes, try to avoid*). What could you do to be more involved?

World Mission Day 2025 — *Message of Pope Francis* *"Missionaries of Hope Among all People"*

1. In the footsteps of Christ our hope

Christ is the fullness of salvation for all, and in a particular way for those whose only hope is God. In his earthly life, "he went about doing good and healing all", restoring hope in God to the needy and all people. He experienced all our human frailties, save that of sin. Jesus commended everything to God the Father, obediently trusting in his saving plan for humanity, a plan of peace for a future full of hope. In this way, he became the divine Missionary of Hope, the supreme model of all those down the centuries who carry out their own God-given mission, even amid extreme trials.

Through his disciples, the Lord Jesus continues his ministry of hope for humanity. He still bends over all those who are poor, afflicted, despairing and oppressed. Obedient to her Lord and Master, and in the same spirit of service, the Church, the community of Christ's missionary disciples, prolongs that mission. The Church is constantly impelled by the love of Christ to persevere on her missionary journey and to hear, like him and with him, the plea of suffering humanity.

We are missionaries of hope among all peoples, inspired to set out in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus to become, with him and in him, signs and messengers of hope for all. May all the baptised, as missionary disciples of Christ, make his hope shine forth in every corner of the earth!

2. Christians, bearers and builders of hope among all peoples

In following Christ the Lord, Christians are called to hand on the Good News by sharing the concrete life situations of those whom they meet, and thus to be bearers and builders of hope. I once more invite all of us to carry out mission to the poorest and weakest, the sick, the elderly and those excluded from materialistic and consumerist society. And to do so with God's "style": with closeness, compassion and tenderness, cultivating a personal relationship with our brothers and sisters. Often, *they* are the ones who teach *us* how to live in hope.

3. Renewing the mission of hope

Faced with the urgency of the mission of hope today, Christ's disciples are called first to discover how to become "artisans" of hope and restorers of an often distracted and unhappy humanity. To this end, we need to be renewed in the Easter spirituality experienced at every Eucharistic celebration. We are a "springtime people", brimming with hope to be shared with all, since in Christ "we believe and know that death and hate are not the final word". Missionaries of hope are men and women of prayer. Prayer is the primary missionary activity and "the first strength of hope".



CALENDAR

MONDAY

October 20
Weekday
Rom 4:20-25
Lk 12:13-21

TUESDAY

October 21
Weekday
Rom 5:12, 15b,
17-19, 20b-21
Lk 12:35-38

WEDNESDAY

October 22
Weekday
Rom 6:12-18
Lk 12:39-48

THURSDAY

October 23
Weekday
Rom 6:19-23
Lk 12:49-53

FRIDAY

October 24
Weekday
Rom 7:18-25a
Lk 12:54-59

SATURDAY

October 24
Weekday
Rom 8:1-11
Lk 13:1-9

SUNDAY

October 25
*Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Sir 35:12-14,
16-18
2 Tm 4:6-8,
16-18
Lk 18:9-14

SAVE THE DATE — SAT 29 NOV

We will be going on our final pilgrimage of this Jubilee Year, to the Immaculate Conception Church (Samsen, Dusit), one of the 4 designated pilgrimage churches in the Archdiocese of Bangkok.

Preliminary itinerary:

- 09:15: arrival at Immaculate Conception
- 09:30 - 09:45: introduction to the pilgrimage site
- 09:45 - 10:45: visit the area around the church (including the original church); confessions; quiet time for prayer
- 10:45 - 11:30: Mass, celebrated by Fr John
- 11:30: end; no lunch will be organised this time, but we encourage everyone to be creative and head for an impromptu meal with fellow pilgrims
- Register your initial interest at: assumptionpilgrimage@gmail.com

****More detailed information to follow in coming weeks****

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri : Thai 06:00 hrs.
Sat : Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed by mass
Sun : Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs.
English 10:00 hrs.

BAPTISM:

Thai : **First Sunday** during 8:30 am mass.
English : **Second Sunday** during 10:00 am mass.

CONFESSION:

Sundays : Before all masses (Thai).
English before 10:00 am mass.

CATHOLIC CENTER:

For religious articles, please visit the center opposite the entrance of the Cathedral.

Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri : 08:30 – 17:00 hrs.
Sat & Sun : 08:30 – noon
Public holidays : Closed

Dear Padre

October 19, 2025

What is the Church's view on having crystal stones or sage in the home to bring in positive energy?

The Church does not have an official position on every possible human action or activity. The Church believes in the discerning principle of maturity and fully expects that the people of God will use the ability that has been entrusted to them by the Creator in a positive manner. The Church understands the power of mystery and the power of symbols but rightfully assigns any "energy" that mystery and symbols may generate to the power of the Holy Spirit. Inanimate objects, by the very definition of "inanimate," do not generate energy. They may be symbols of energy, but they do not have energy in and of themselves.

If you enjoy crystals because of their beauty or because of the way they diffuse light, then there is no harm in having them in your house. If you like the smell of sage, then use it and enjoy it. All symbols have different meanings, depending on how they are understood and used by the people who gathered, collect, and store them for use. These symbols have no power in and of themselves for good or for evil. However, if you live in a culture that has identified the meaning of a symbol, and that assigned meaning contradicts Christian belief and practice, it would be best to avoid that symbol. ●

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Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY (No. 263) PLEASE KNEEL

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (No. 264)

DOXOLOGY PLEASE STAND

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

GREAT AMEN (No. 374)

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (No. 387)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

LAMB OF GOD (No. 391)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (Repeat)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace. **PLEASE KNEEL**

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION: YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART (No. 940)

FINAL: SALVE REGÍNA (No. 880) PLEASE STAND

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

Sunday, 19 October 2025

ENTRANCE: PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN (No. 613) PLEASE STAND

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Priest: I confess to almighty God,

All: and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

– and, striking their breast, they say –

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

KYRIE / LORD HAVE MERCY

Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison. Christe, eléison. Christe, eléison.

Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.

GLORY TO GOD

**Refrain: Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth, peace to people of good will.**

- 1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.**
- 2. Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**
- 3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. (R)**

FIRST READING: Ex 17:8-13

A reading from the Book of Exodus:

In those days, Amalek came and waged war against Israel. Moses, therefore, said to Joshua, "Pick out certain men, and tomorrow go out and engage Amalek in battle. I will be standing on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." So Joshua did as Moses told him: he

engaged Amalek in battle after Moses had climbed to the top of the hill with Aaron and Hur. As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight, but when he let his hands rest, Amalek had the better of the fight. Moses' hands, however, grew tired; so they put a rock in place for him to sit on. Meanwhile Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other, so that his hands remained steady till sunset. And Joshua mowed down Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 121: OUR HELP IS FROM THE LORD



1. I lift up my eyes toward the mountains; Whence shall help come to me?
My help is from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. (R)
2. May he not suffer your foot to slip; May he slumber not who guards you:
Indeed he neither slumbers nor sleeps Tthe guardian of Israel. (R)
3. The LORD will guard you from all evil; He will guard your life.
The LORD will guard your coming and your going, Both now and forever. (R)

SECOND READING: 2 Tm 3:14—4:2

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy:

Beloved: Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA (No. 326) PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

**All: The word of God is living and effective,
discerning reflections and thoughts of the heart.**

GOSPEL: Lk 18:1-8

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Good News according to Luke

All: Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'" The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Priest: The Good News of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED PLEASE STAND

Priest: I believe in God,

All: the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:
"Fill us with missionary zeal, O God."**

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY: SHELTER ME, O GOD (No. 717)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND