

## Virtual Eucharistic Adoration

*Create a prayerful setting for this special time with the Lord and access an on-line chapel.  
May this time of prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament be an opportunity  
to grow in awareness of the incomparable treasure which Christ entrusted to his Church.*

## NOVEMBER CONTEMPLATION

*Be happy in the Lord, doing very quietly his lovable will  
and gently submitting yourself to it.  
– St. Gaspar #1759*

### Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, in the Eucharist You make your dwelling among us and become our traveling companion; sustain our Christian communities so that they may be ever more open to listening and accepting your Word. May they draw from the Eucharist a renewed commitment to spreading in society, by the proclamation of your Gospel, the signs and deeds of an attentive and active charity. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

### *Silent Reflection*

*Let us keep silence before God – silent within ourselves – that our hearts and ears may be open.*

### Prayer Before Reading Scripture

Jesus Christ, our Master, You are the Way and the Truth and the Life. Grant that we may learn the sublime knowledge of Your charity in the Spirit of St. Paul the Apostle and of the Catholic Church. Send Your Holy Spirit to teach us and remind us of what You have preached. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### Scripture Reading: *(Hebrews 11:2-6,10-13)*

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Hebrews*

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son."

Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. "Make level paths for your feet," so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm:** (*Psalm 97:1-7*)

***Response: The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice.***

I will exalt you, my God and King, and praise your name forever and ever.

I will praise you every day; yes, I will praise you forever. ***R/.***

Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise! No one can measure his greatness. ***R/.***

Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power. ***R/.***

I will meditate on your majestic, glorious splendor and your wonderful miracles.

Your awe-inspiring deeds will be on every tongue; I will proclaim your greatness. ***R/.***

Everyone will share the story of your wonderful goodness;

they will sing with joy about your righteousness. ***R/.***

**Glory Be...**

**Reflection from the Catechism: But deliver us from evil**

In this petition, evil is not an abstraction, but refers to a person, Satan, the Evil One, the angel who opposes God. (CCC, 2851)

Satan is "the deceiver of the whole world." (Rev. 12:9) Through him sin and death entered the world and by his definitive defeat all creation will be "freed from the corruption of sin and death." [*Roman Missal, Eucharistic Prayer IV*] (CCC, 2852)

When we ask to be delivered from the Evil One, we pray as well to be freed from all evils, present, past, and future, of which he is the author or instigator. (CCC, 2854)

**Prayer for November**

*In November we traditionally remember all those who've gone before us with the sign of faith.*

"Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen." - St. Gertrude

***Silent Reflection***

**Meditation:** (*Spe Salvi, Judgement is a setting for learning and practicing hope*)

The image of the Last Judgement is not primarily an image of terror, but an image of hope; for us it may even be the decisive image of hope.<sup>44</sup>

A further point must be mentioned here, because it is important for the practice of Christian hope. Early Jewish thought includes the idea that one can help the deceased in their intermediate state through prayer (see for example 2 *Macc* 12:38-45; first century BC). The equivalent practice was readily adopted by Christians and is common to the Eastern and Western Church... The belief that love can reach into the afterlife, that reciprocal giving and receiving is possible, in which our affection for one another continues beyond the limits of death—this has been a fundamental conviction of Christianity throughout the ages and it remains a source of comfort today... Our lives are involved with one another, through innumerable interactions they are linked together. No one lives alone.... So my prayer for another is not something extraneous to that person, something external, not even after death.<sup>48</sup>

\* In memory of Pope Benedict XVI, this year's **Meditations** will be taken from his encyclical *Spe Salvi – in hope we were saved* - that reminds us of the future awaiting us in Jesus Christ.

"The one who has hope lives differently; the one who hopes has been granted the gift of a new life." *Spe Salvi, 2 November 2023*

## Intentions

Let us pray together the Daily Offering with the intentions of the Holy Father and our personal intentions:

*R/. Lord, hear our prayer.*

**All:** Eternal Father, we offer you in union with Mary, Mother of the Redeemer of humankind, the Blood Jesus shed with love in his passion and every day is offered on the altar. In union with the Victim offered for the salvation of the world, we offer today's actions in expiation for our sins, for the conversion of sinners, for the souls in purgatory, for the needs of the holy Church, and especially:

For the Holy Father's Intention for the Pope: We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we pray to the Lord. *R/.*

For our family members who have died: bring them in joy to your eternal home, we pray to the Lord. *R/.*

Lord, You have promised to be with your Church always, may the Holy Spirit inspire many more vocations to the priesthood and religious life, we pray to the Lord. *R/.*

For those who've asked the help of our prayers, for those who have no one to pray for them, and for the intentions we hold in the silence of our hearts, we pray to the Lord. *R/.*

### **The Blood of Christ is Life for all Our Needs**

Eternal Father, we offer you the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, poured out on the cross and offered daily on the altar:

- ✦ For the glory of your name, for the coming of your kingdom and for the salvation of all.
- ✦ For the propagation of faith, for Pope Francis, for bishops, priests, and religious and for the sanctification of all the people of God.
- ✦ For the conversion of sinners, for the loving acceptance of your Word, and for the union of all Christians.
- ✦ For civil authorities, for the strengthening of public morals, and for peace and justice among all nations.
- ✦ For the sanctification of our work and suffering, for the poor, sick and afflicted, and for all who rely on our prayers.
- ✦ For our own spiritual and temporal needs, for those of our relatives, benefactors, and also for those of our enemies.
- ✦ For those who are to die this day, for the souls in purgatory, and for our final union with Christ in Glory.

### **Our Father...**

*Silent Reflection*

### **Closing Prayer: Precious Blood Prayer**

**All:** Almighty and Eternal God, you have appointed your only-begotten Son the Redeemer of the world and willed to be appeased by his Blood. Grant we beg of you, that we may worthily adore this price of our salvation, and through its power be safeguarded from the evils of this present life, so that we may rejoice in its fruits forever in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

Our Lady of the Most Precious Blood, pray for us.

St. Gaspar, pray for us, St. Maria De Mattias, pray for us, St. Francis Xavier, pray for us.