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MY LORD,
MY GOD!

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF KAITHAKALAM
AUGUST 10, 2008

EXALTED
BY GOD!

Our Prayers

Today's Gospel (Lk. 18:1-8)

Then he told them 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?"

✠ The requests we make to God are not unheard because we do not receive the answer when we expect them. "If the ships of prayer do not come home speedily," says a writer, "it is because they are more heavily freighted with blessings."

✠ A young woman dreamed she died and went to heaven. As one of the angels was showing her around a room of the Glorious City she saw a stack of boxes in one corner. Finding her name on them, she asked the angel what it meant. "Well," she said, "You know, I remember praying for these things when I was on earth." The angel replied, "Yes. When any of God's children make requests to him, preparations are made to give the answer. But the angels are told that if the petitioner is not waiting for the answer they are to return with it and store it in the room." An old prayer proverb says, "When you come to the end of your rope, tie a prayer knot and hang on."

✠ A tired-looking woman entered a grocery store and asked the owner for enough food to make a Christmas dinner for her children. When he inquired how much she could afford, she answered, "My husband was killed in an accident. Truthfully, I have nothing to offer but a little prayer." Although the man was unmoved at first, he thought of a clever response to the woman's simple request.

"Write your prayer on a piece of paper and you can have its weight in groceries," he said sarcastically. To his surprise, she plucked a folded note out of her pocket and handed it to him saying, "I already did that during the night while I was watching over my sick baby." Without even reading it, he put it on one side of his old-fashioned scales. "We shall see how much food this is worth," he muttered.

To his dismay nothing happened when he put a loaf of bread on the other side. But he was even more upset when he added other items and it would not balance. Finally he blurted out, "Well, that's all it will hold anyway. Here's a bag. You'll have to put these things in yourself. "I'm busy!" With a tearful "Thank you," the lady went happily on her way. The grocer later discovered that the scales were out of order.

As the years passed he often wondered if that was just a coincidence. Why did the woman have the prayer already written before he asked for it? Why did she come at exactly the time the mechanism broke? Whenever he looks at the slip of paper which bears that mother's petition, he is amazed, for it reads, "Please, dear Lord, give us this day our daily, bread!"

✠ A farmer went to eat out at a restaurant in town - and, as was his custom, he bowed his head and said a prayer before his meal.

At the next table were some rowdy young men who began to poke fun at him. "Hey, farmer!" said one, "that's out of vogue, man! Nobody prays nowadays!"

"Yes, indeed," said the farmer. "There are some members of my own household who won't pray before their meals."

"Hey, they must be real smart!" said the young man, "Who are they?"

The farmer answered dryly: "They are my pigs."

Today...

11.30 am : Holy Qurbana; CCD Teachers Meeting

Marching forward...

Sunday Celebration Assignments

Today : Little Flower Family Unit

August 17 : Marian Family Unit

Aug. 15 : The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Indian Independence Day; Holy Qurbana at 7 pm.

Aug. 23 : Parish Picnic at Hopkinton State Park

Readings - Aug. 15,

Friday

Acts 1:1-8

Rom. 16:17-27

Jn 2:1-12

Readings - Aug. 17,

Sunday

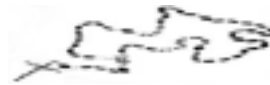
Is. 31:1-9

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Lk 19:1-10



Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen!



Please pray the Rosary every day in your families.



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HEARTY WELCOME

NEW COMERS!!!

TO ALL

Sunday Mass Schedule : 11.30 am

Saturdays : 11 am Mass followed by Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Memorial services will not be conducted on Sundays. They may be conducted on any of the week days.

First Fridays : Mass at 7 pm followed by Holy Hour and Benediction.

PLEASE recite the PRAYER FOR OUR DIOCESE AND OUR PARISH every day in your families.