

Prayers of Gratitude

Lord, you are to be blessed and praised;
all good things come from you:
you are in our words and in our thoughts,
and in all that we do.

Amen

St. Teresa of Avila

To the Father

O tender Father,
you gave me more, much more,
than I ever thought to ask for.
Thank you!

And again, thank you, Father,
for having granted my requests,
and for having given me those things
that I never realized I needed or sought!

Amen

Catherine of Siena

Where two or three are
gathered...



We Come With Grateful Hearts

Ordinary Time - Lent

January 17, 2010 – Palm Sunday

A discussion board has been set up and can be accessed by clicking on
“Where two or three are gathered” through
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Introduction:

Leader: God, come to our assistance.

All: Lord, make haste to help us.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.

Reading: Read aloud the Second Reading for the upcoming
Sunday.


Reflection:

Using the questions on the opposite page that correspond
to the Second reading, reflect and share your insights. *

Petitions: (optional)

Leader: Gathering our prayers into one, let us pray the prayer
our Savior taught us. Our Father....

Blessing:

Leader:  (making the sign of the cross)
May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and
bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

At the conclusion of the meeting, you are invited to pray a prayer of
thanksgiving. Use your own prayer or one on the back page of this
leaflet.

* Questions taken from Pilarczyk, D. (2002). *Live Letters:
Reflections on the Second Readings of the Sunday Lectionary.*
Cincinnati: St. Anthony Messenger Press.

Second Readings:

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| January 17 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | 1 Cor 12:4-11 |
| o | What spiritual gifts have I received? | |
| o | How am I using them to build up the Church? | |
| January 24 | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | 1 Cor 12:12-30 |
| o | What do I contribute to the life of the body of Christ, the Church? | |
| o | What would the Church be like if everybody were just like me? | |
| January 31 | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 1 Cor 12:31-3:13 |
| o | What does love mean to me? | |
| o | What/whom/why/how do I love? | |
| February 7 | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 1 Cor 15:1-11 |
| o | What aspects of the Resurrection of Jesus do I find most appealing? | |
| o | What does the Resurrection of Jesus have to do with my attitudes toward my body? | |
| February 14 | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 1 Cor 15:12,16-20 |
| o | Is there any reason whatsoever for faith and hope if there is no resurrection? | |
| o | What meaning could resurrection have for those who do not believe in Christ? | |
| February 21 | First Sunday of Lent | Romans 10:8-13 |
| o | What does it mean to me to say, "Jesus is Lord"? | |
| o | In what specific ways do I profess my faith? | |
| February 28 | Second Sunday of Lent | Phil 3:17-4:1 |
| o | What kinds of transformation do I look forward to? | |
| o | How do I cooperate with God's plans for me? | |
| March 7 | Third Sunday of Lent | 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12 |
| o | Where is there danger of overconfidence in my life? | |
| o | Where do I look for assurance and a sense of security? | |
| March 14 | Fourth Sunday of Lent | 11Cor 5:17-21 |
| o | What would my life be like without new creation in Christ? | |
| o | With whom do I need to be reconciled? | |
| March 21 | Fifth Sunday of Lent | Phil 3:8-14 |
| o | What constitutes "rubbish" in my life? | |
| o | What's most important to me now? To what do I look forward? | |
| March 28 | Palm Sunday | Phil 2:6-11 |
| o | How do I participate in the passion of Christ? | |
| o | What does it mean to me to say, "Jesus Christ is Lord"? | |