

# Verbum Dei

## GUIDELINES FOR PRAYER

*“The will of the  
Father...  
that everyone  
may have  
eternal life.”*

(Jn 6:40)

April 29- May 5

**General Theme:  
Your Life is Love**

**General Objective:**

**-To present the person's identity  
as the child of God and that they  
share in the same Life of the  
Father**

## INTRODUCTION

*Eternal life establishes one of the strongest pillars of truth in our faith as Christians, and as Verbum Dei. It is necessary for us to find that our life, no matter who we are or what we do, even when it passes away, all that we are is for something that is eternal.*

*In our baptism, we are born again in water and in the Spirit of God. Through the renewal of our baptismal vows, we are cleansed from all the things that prevents us from renewing our way of life towards God.*

*This Spirit of God within each one is the same spirit that desires communion, love, understanding, peace, among others. It leads us into the experience of God's presence in our life and allows us to recognize and believe that truly He is alive in our lives and that of others.*

*So let us come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith, with*

*in our life that perhaps we may not understand and it is where we are invited by Jesus to enter into a new relationship with God, in personally experiencing a deeper trust and love for Him.*

*God is always faithful even when we doubt, fear or lose hope when we face him in prayer, or in our cross and mission. Why? Because He desires that all may have life. What He desires is only what is good and life-giving in our lives. Jesus came to us as a hope that through Him we may truly come to believe in this life meant for eternity. And so “Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good. Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...(Hebrews 10:24-25) in prayer and in mission as a family and community.*

*Let us learn to allow this precious gift to be unwrapped and shared to all, like a spring of water flowing and giving life to many. Above all, let us strive to nourish our faith, the seed of God's eternal life.*

*Living life in faith with the Spirit, allows us to see realities with the eyes of God and respond in the same way his heart responds to the needs of his beloved children. This is how eternal life fills our life with the joy of living in communion with someone who is eternal.*

*How am I striving to cultivate and strengthen my communion with God and with others? Have I also urged others towards this communion?*

### **WEDNESDAY**

St. Joseph  
*Tell about this life*

**Jn.3:16-21** <sup>16</sup> For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its savior. <sup>18</sup> Those who believe in the Son are not judged; but those who do not believe have already been judged, because they have not believed in God's only Son. <sup>19</sup> This is how the judgment works: the light has come into the world, but

may show that what they did was in obedience to God.

*Faith comes from believing in God for who he really is for us, not for who we think he is. It is in truly knowing God and seeing him at work in our lives from the very beginning. Through faith, He is able to show us the way to a life in freedom out of our darkness, in truth out of our lie, in fullness out of our incapacabilities.*

*Am I a faithful witness of God's work in my life? In living for what is true, do I succumb to the judgment of others or value God's will for my life? How am I bearing this faith that I may also share it to others?*

### **THURSDAY**

St. Athanasius  
*Believe in the Son*

**Jn 3:35-36** <sup>35</sup> The Father loves his Son and has put everything in his power. <sup>36</sup> Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will not have life, but will remain under God's punishment

*in Him, leads us to also persevere in a life lived in truth, obedience, and love not out of fear, doubt and anxiety.*

*Does our faith also move us to allow this eternal life to flow to others as well? How can I affirm others and help them live in a way that can strengthen their faith in Jesus?*

### **FRIDAY**

Feast of Sts. Philip & James  
*Work for the food that endures for Eternal life*

**Jn 6:27** Do not work for food that spoils; instead, work for the food that lasts for eternal life. This is the food which the Son of Man will give you, because God, the Father, has put his mark of approval on him."

*Living this gift of eternal life means for us to live and invest in the things that does not give us temporary happiness or satisfaction, but rather true fulfilment and security in what God is giving us - life of His Son, so that we may live just as He have lived in the fullness of faith, hope*