



## GUIDELINES FOR PRAYER

# Dialogue with the Trinity is the engine of our mission

Week IV

May 25-31, 2020

### General Theme:

Living Faith is a Relationship with the Holy Trinity Dwelling in Us

### General Objective:

To grow in a loving dialogue and living with the Holy Trinity

**Specific Objective:** To re-discover that the mission to manifest God's Trinitarian love to the world springs forth from this loving dialogue with the Trinity within us.

## INTRODUCTION

The experience of fraternal love that is born from the heart of God opens itself to the mission, making fraternal love itself a mission.

Our mission as disciples of Christ is to spread the love that we have received from the Trinity. Having experienced the fraternal love of the Trinity, we are called to bring our brothers and sisters to experience it personally that same fraternal love and remain with them.

As Verbum Dei disciples, our mission to share the word of God and form disciples is a heavy responsibility to fulfill but with our constant dialogue with the Trinity we are assured that we are not alone in the mission. The Trinity will always speak to us and teach us what to do.

*"Consult not your fears but your hopes and dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do."*  
**(Pope Saint John XXIII)**

## MONDAY

**(St. Bede the Venerable)**

**With the Trinity dwelling in our hearts, we carry within us the seed of the kingdom that the world needs to receive**

**Lk 12:32** *"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."*

God the Father loves us so much that He gave Jesus to be our way to His kingdom. In the same way, Jesus loves us equally when he leaves to us the Holy Spirit to guide us in our journey to the kingdom of God. How can we be afraid then when we have a formidable companion in the Trinity?

*How do I show my trust and confidence in the Trinity in living out my mission of bringing the kingdom of God to others?*

## TUESDAY

**(St. Philip Neri)**

**Authentic relationship and dialogue with the Trinity is translated into an option to announce their love**

**Jn 17:25-26** <sup>25</sup>*O righteous Father, even though the world*

*does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me.<sup>26</sup> I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."*

**IMVDMFa 61** *"Our loving dialogue with the Trinity and our Mother Mary directs our gaze and focuses our entire life on being a response to the Total Christ, freeing us from a self-centered or individualistic spirituality."*

There is no better time to share the fraternal love of the Trinity to our neighbors than now, today in our present situation where we find ourselves. The world is in dire need of love and compassion.

*Do I make an option to share the fraternal love of the Trinity to my brothers and sisters in this time of pandemic? How?*

## WEDNESDAY

**(St. Augustine of Canterbury)**

**Called to introduce others in the living knowledge of the Trinity, accompanying the growth of the word we preach**

**1 Thes 2:7-8** <sup>7</sup>But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. <sup>8</sup> So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

We have the capacity to love like Jesus because we are made in the image and likeness of God who is love. Bringing our neighbors to experience the living knowledge of the Trinity by accompanying them in prayer is one concrete way of loving.

*Who are the people God is inviting you to accompany? In what way are you accompanying them?*

#### THURSDAY

**Called to introduce others in the living knowledge of the Trinity by our witness of life**

**1Thes 2:9-12** <sup>9</sup>For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. <sup>10</sup> You are

witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. <sup>11</sup>For you know how, like a father with his children, <sup>12</sup> we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

How we live our lives give witness to our relationship with the Trinity. Let us persevere to live a life pleasing to God's eyes that our brothers and sisters may be attracted to our way of life and imitate it.

*Is your way of life giving witness to your relationship with the Trinity?*

#### FRIDAY

**The joy of the authentic Apostle is when others enjoy personally this relationship with the Trinity and remain alone with them**

**Jn 3:29-30** <sup>29</sup>The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice.

Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. <sup>30</sup>He must increase, but I must decrease.

There will be so much joy in heaven when a single soul is saved through our witness of life and accompaniment. It is also our joy when a friend gets to know the Trinity and experience personally their fraternal love and enter as well into a relationship with them.

*What drives you to bring people closer to God? Do you experience the joy as you bring people to know more about God?*

#### SATURDAY (St. Joan of Arc)

**In this habitual living with the Trinity, like Mary, our life becomes a constant "fiat" and "magnificat"—doing his will and rejoicing for the fruits around us**

**Lk 1:38** *And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.*

Having confidence in the Trinity built through our personal relationship with them, enable us to say "Yes"

to their invitations with the same confidence of Mary even if we are not sure if we can carry out their will. Fulfilling the mission God entrusted to us begins with our "yes".

*Do you have the same trust like Mary in saying yes to the will of God? Is doing the will of the Father gives joy to your life?*

#### PENTECOST SUNDAY

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2:1-11  
Resp. Psalm : Psalm 104:1,  
24, 29-39, 31, 34  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Cor 12:3b-7,  
12-13  
Gospel : Jn 20:19-23



PENTECOST  
RETREAT

May 31, 2020  
From 8am to 5pm

SCHEDULE  
8:00am: Talk 1  
2:30pm: Talk 2  
5:00pm: Mass

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