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"I am the **LIGHT** of the **World**."

NEWSLETTER

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, PRAY FOR US!

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: 'A MASTER OF PRAYER'

FEAST DAY: OCT. 4



Immense is the good which this devotion (praying the rosary) has done to the world! Many have by its means been delivered from sin, or led to a holy life and a good death! It should be recited with devotion, keeping in mind what our lady once said to St. Eulalia that 5 decades said slowly and devoutly were more pleasing than 15 said hurriedly and with little devotion.'

(St. Alphonsus de Ligouri)

'Never will anyone who prays his Rosary everyday be led astray. This is

a statement that I would gladly sign with my blood' (St. Louis de Montfort)

Recite the Rosary with devotion, and obtain the peace of the world! Recite the Rosary everyday..'(Our Lady of Fatima, May 13th and June 13th, 1917)

Pope Pius V instituted October 7 as the feast in honour of the Rosary (dates from 1571) in gratitude for Mary's aid in the great naval victory over the Turks. Later, Pope Leo XIII declared October the month of the Rosary. Say the following prayer before the Rosary:

INTRODUCTORY PRAYER

O Queen of the Holy Rosary, You graciously revealed the treasures of grace, hidden in the Rosary, to the three shepherd children of Fatima. Instill in our hearts a sincere and profound love for this powerful prayer. By meditating on the mysteries of our redemption recalled in the Rosary, may we be enriched with its fruits and obtain the conversion of sinners and peace in the world. If it is in accordance with the will of Your Divine Son, grant us the favours we ask of You in this Rosary. Holy Mother of God, intercede for us that each of us praying the Rosary may live in accordance with the will of Your Son and thus obtain the joys of eternal life. Amen.

'Our Father' was the only prayer that Jesus expressly taught His disciples. "When you pray, say: 'Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name' ". It is a prayer that Jesus bequeathed to His Church, as a model, as a standard for Christian prayer, as an example of how to speak with God. On the basis of this regulatory significance people felt the need to analyse it, to comment on it, from the earliest times. The Our Father was the most common and the most well known prayer, but to prevent it from becoming just a routine formula, it was meditated on in depth and explained in sermons and scriptural commentaries. That is how the Our Father was worked over by Tertullian (+after 220), Origen (+253), Cyprian (+259) and Augustine(+430). One should therefore not be surprised to discover that Francis'(St. Francis of Assisi) commentary links up with the work of many of his forerunners. But we must acknowledge that Francis, although the commentaries on the Prayer of the Lord were of common usage at the time, did not copy any one's inventions but follows an astonishingly creative approach, all his own. He creatively deals with what is handed down and himself produces something new and different. It is after all rooted in the theology of the early Middle ages, and even from Augustine a thousand years before that but must be counted among the genuine writings of St. Francis, known as 'the Master of Prayer': it reflects his spirit, some expressions reflect a high class of theological thought or rather a personal knowledge and mystical experience of God, so characteristic of Francis, and in many an addition it

PERSONALITY PROFILE :

PHILIP THE EVANGELIST

Jesus' last words to his followers were a command to take the gospel everywhere, but they seemed reluctant to leave Jerusalem. It took intense persecution to scatter the believers from Jerusalem and into Judaea and Samaria, where Jesus had instructed them to go. Philip, one of the deacons in charge of food distribution, left Jerusalem and, like most of them, he did not limit his

audience to other Jews. He went directly to Samaria, the last place many Jews would go, due to age-old prejudice.

The Samaritans responded in large numbers. When word went back to Jerusalem, Peter and John were sent to evaluate Philip's ministry. They quickly became involved themselves, seeing firsthand God's acceptance of those who previously were considered unacceptable. In the middle of all this success and

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Jesus said, "I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you." (St. Luke 11:9)

PHILIP THE EVANGELIST

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excitement, God directed Philip out to the desert for an appointment with an Ethiopian eunuch, another foreigner, who had been in Jerusalem. Philip went immediately. His effectiveness in sharing the gospel with this man placed a Christian in a significant position in a distant country and may well have had an effect on an entire nation.

Philip ended up in Caesarea, where events allowed him to be Paul's host many years later. The conversion of the Gentiles begun by Philip was continued across the entire Roman Empire by Paul. Whether or not you are a follower of Christ, Philip's life presents a challenge. To those still outside the gospel, he is a reminder that the gospel is for you also. To those who have accepted Christ, he is a reminder that we are not free to disqualify anyone from hearing about Jesus. How much like Philip would your neighbours say you are?

Strengths and Accomplishments:

- ☆ One of the seven leaders chosen to supervise food distribution to the needy in the early church.
- ☆ Became an evangelist, one of the travelling missionaries.
- ☆ One of the first to obey Jesus' command to take the gospel to all people.
- ☆ A careful student of the Bible who could explain its meaning clearly.

Lessons from his life:

- ✿ God finds great and various uses for those willing to obey wholeheartedly.
- ✿ The gospel is universal Good News.
- ✿ The whole Bible, not just the New Testament, helps us understand more about Jesus.
- ✿ Both mass response (the Samaritans) and individual response (the person from Ethiopia) to the gospel are valuable.

Vital Statistics:

- ❖ *Occupation:* Deacon, evangelist
- ❖ *Relatives:* Four daughters
- ❖ *Contemporaries:* Paul, Stephen, and the apostles

Key verse:—

"Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus." (Acts 8:35)

Mentioned in: Philip's story is told in Acts 6:1-7; 8:5-40; 21:8-10.

ST. FRANCIS' MEDITATION ON THE 'OUR FATHER'

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betrays his style of writing, was in its totality used by him and handed down to his companions.

THE PRAYER INSPIRED BY THE OUR FATHER SPIRITUAL LAYOUT

The OUR FATHER, according to the known text of Mt. 6:9-13 consists of an invocation or address, enlarged by an adjective sentence, and seven petitions. While praying, Francis enlarges petition, as also the invocation and its addition, and the comparison in the fifth petition. In this way Francis' meditation divides the Our Father into ten sections. In many ways, this Prayer inspired by the Our Father is an expression of the inner life of St. Francis (actual biblical words in CAPITALS):

1. OUR most holy FATHER, Our Creator, Redeemer, Consoler, and Saviour

2. WHO ARE IN HEAVEN: In the angels and in the saints, Enlightening them to love, because You, Lord, are light, Inflaming them to love, because You, Lord, are love Dwelling [in them] and filling them with happiness, because You, Lord, are the Supreme Good, the Eternal Good from Whom comes all good without Whom there is no good.

3. HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME: May our knowledge of You become ever clearer that we may know the breadth of Your blessings, the length of Your promises, the height of Your majesty, the depth of Your judgements.

4. YOU KINGDOM COME: so that You may rule in us through Your grace and enable us to com to Your Kingdom where there is an unclouded vision of You, a perfect love of You, a blessed companionship with You, an eternal enjoyment of You.

5. YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN: that we may love You with our whole heart by always thinking of You, with our whole soul by always desiring You, with our whole mind by directing all our intentions to You and by seeking Your glory in everything, and with our whole strength by spending all our energies and affections of soul and body in the service of Your love and of nothing else and may

we love our neighbours as ourselves by drawing them all with our whole strength to Your love, by rejoicing in the good fortunes of others as well as our own, and by sympathizing with the misfortunes of others and by giving offense to no one

6. GIVE US THIS DAY: in memory and understanding and reverence of the love which [our Lord Jesus Christ] had for us, and of those things which He said and did and suffered for us OUR DAILY BREAD: Your own Beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ

7. AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES: through Your ineffable mercy, through the power of the Passion pf Your Beloved Son, together

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365-DAY BIBLE READING PLAN

For the month of **OCTOBER**

- 274.. Day 1 Malachi
- 275.. Day 2 Matthew 1-4
- 276.. Day 3 Matthew 5-6
- 277.. Day 4 Matthew 7-9
- 278.. Day 5 Matthew 10-11
- 279.. Day 6 Matthew 12-13
- 280.. Day 7 Matthew 14-17
- 281.. Day 8 Matthew 18-20
- 282.. Day 9 Matthew 21-22
- 283.. Day 10 Matthew 23-24
- 284.. Day 11 Matthew 25-26
- 285.. Day 12 Matthew 27-28
- 286.. Day 13 Mark 1-3
- 287.. Day 14 Mark 4-5
- 288.. Day 15 Mark 6-7
- 289.. Day 16 Mark 8-9
- 290.. Day 17 Mark 10-11
- 291.. Day 18 Mark 12-13
- 292.. Day 19 Mark 14
- 293.. Day 20 Mark 15-16
- 294.. Day 21 Luke 1-2
- 295.. Day 22 Luke 3-4
- 296.. Day 23 Luke 5-6
- 297.. Day 24 Luke 7-8
- 298.. Day 25 Luke 9-10
- 299.. Day 26 Luke 11-12
- 300.. Day 27 Luke 13-15
- 301.. Day 28 Luke 16-18
- 302.. Day 29 Luke 19-20
- 303.. Day 30 Luke 21-22
- 304.. Day 31 Luke 23-24

"I am going to send an angel in front of you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared. Be attentive to him and listen to his voice; do not rebel against him, for he will not pardon your transgression; for My name is in him." (Exodus 23:20-21)

BIBLE QUIZ!

XVIII. THE TOUCH OF JESUS

What kind of people did Jesus associate with? Whom did he consider important enough to touch? In the four Gospels, we see many of the people Jesus came to know. Some reached out to him; he reached out to them all. Regardless of how great or unknown, rich or poor, young or old, sinner or saint - Jesus cares equally for all. No person is beyond the loving touch of Jesus. Below are given few of the persons with whom Jesus talked during his ministry. You have to find these events in the Gospel of Mark and arrange them in the order of the Gospel in your answer:

1. A group of children
2. A synagogue leader
3. A young boy
4. A helpless and paralyzed man
5. A blind beggar
6. An insane hermit
7. A woman from a foreign land
8. A rich man
9. A young girl
10. Jewish political leaders
11. A sick woman

Answers to Last month's Quiz

XVII. THE GOSPEL OF MARK- Key Places

1. Bethany - 11:1,11,12 ; 14:3
2. Bethsaida - 6:45; 8:22
3. Capernaum - 1:21; 2:1; 9:33
4. Caesarea Philippi - 8:27
5. Jericho - 10:46
6. Jerusalem - 1:5; 3:8; 3:22; 7:1; 10:32; 11:1,11,15, 27; 15:41
7. Jordan - 1:5; 1:9; 3:8; 10:1
8. Nazareth - 1:9; 1:24; 6:1; 10:47; 14:67; 16:6
9. Tyre - 3:8; 7:24; 7:31
10. Gennesaret - 6:53

Send Your Answers to:

JEEVAN DHAM, H.No. 696/ Sec-22, Faridabad-121005, Haryana.

Rules to be followed:

- Answers may be sent by post or e-mail latest by the end of the month. Answers received after that will not be considered.
- You should clearly specify your

name and postal address. Mention the quiz number and title before the answers written in order.

- Prizes will be awarded to the winners of three consecutive quizzes.
- Answers and winners of each quiz will be published in the subsequent issue of the newsletter.

Thanks for taking the Quiz! Good Luck!

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with the merits and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all Your chosen ones

8. AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US: and whatever we do not forgive perfectly, do you, Lord, enable us to forgive to the full so that we may truly love [our] enemies and fervently intercede for them before You returning no evil for evil and striving to help everyone in You

9. AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION: hidden or obvious, sudden or persistent

10. BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL: past, present and to come. Glory be 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.

THE OUR FATHER - MIRROR OF LIFE

When one reflects on the meditation of Francis on the Our Father, one may come to understand how much he made his own the meaning of the Lord's prayer. It did not remain for him a prayer routinely mumbled. This certainly must have been due to the fact that the prayer of the Our Father must have made a great impression on him and consequently influenced his style of life. We remember how Francis made common cause with the lepers, how he put his hand to repair little churches, and how he behaved in his last confrontation with his father where Francis boldly declared in front of the Bishop and the people: "Hear everyone and take note! Till now I have called *Pietro Bernardone* my father; but I have decided to serve God and therefore I return to him the money he is bothered about, and also all the clothes I received from him, In future I will say: '*Our Father Who art in Heaven.*'" In this manner the merchant's son freed himself from a sonship that involved patrimony and wealth.

LIVING WITNESSES OF GOD IN JEEVAN DHAM



GOD'S GRACE CHANGES A EUNUCH INTO A GIRL!

Praise be to Jesus! Thanks be to Jesus!

My daughter Kaleshwari aged 3years was a eunuch by birth. We took her to few child specialists and other doctors but met with disappointment everywhere. We got the reply that she could not be operated upon until she reaches the age of 10. My mother had been to Jeevan Dham several times. Actually, she had come here for her broken arm which could not be lifted high. Even after getting it plastered, it was found to be disjoint on removing the plaster. Her neighbour told her about Jeevan Dham and she started coming here regularly. Within a few days, she not only got rid of the pain in her arm, but also could lift it up with ease. With her faith strengthened by this miracle, she kept on attending the prayer service on Sundays. Once during the service she heard the testimony of a woman stating that her daughter who was born a eunuch, had turned into a girl through God's grace. This testimony assured her that even her granddaughter Kaleshwari would definitely be healed through His power and mercy. She advised me to take Kaleshwari to Jeevan Dham.

Today, when Mrs. Mani announced, that the Almighty God is blessing a

"And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved." (Matt. 24:11-13)



THROUGH THE POWER OF HIS WORD, GOD GIFTED ALL THESE CHILDLESS FAMILIES WITH A CHILD AFTER MANY YEARS OF MARRIAGE

child in a very special manner. As soon as I heard these words, I removed her clothes and surprisingly found the change in her body, thus making her a girl now. Indeed, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ heard our prayers and tested our faith and blessed my daughter so generously through the power of His Divine Word which turned a distant impossibility into a possible reality. Alleluia! A million thanks to Him, our Saviour and Redeemer!

Radhika(mother), Kaleshwari
Faridabad

**THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE...!
GOT FREEDOM FROM ADDICTION
TO ALCOHOL & GAMBLING!**

Praise be to Jesus! Thanks be to Jesus!

Today I have come here to give my wonderful testimony for my Lord has showered His blessings on me and my family restoring peace and joy to my wretched life.

4 months back, when my painting work was not running well and I was financially and morally in a pitiable condition, a lady suggested me to come here at Jeevan Dham and attend the Sunday prayer service with faith to get rid of all my problems of my life. I came here and heard the Word of God attentively. I was filled with the joy and peace of the Lord because as the Word of God went into my heart I felt it as sweet as honey and as holy and peaceful as a dove. It challenged my disoriented lifestyle, my weaknesses, my mistakes, and my addictions to worldly pleasures.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. (Psalms 32:5)

My life was miraculously transformed the first day itself, which was more important to me than getting work to earn for my family. I got a good contract within a week through God's grace but the more significant and incredible blessing on me was getting free from gambling addiction, one of my major weaknesses, which had never left me for the past 15 years. I had indulged in gambling to gain an income, and later I became addicted to it. Even after repeated losses, I persisted in gambling and during these 15 years, out of my sheer foolishness, I wasted over 7 to 8 lakh rupees. But after listening to the Divine Word of God, the Eternal truth, I got rid of this gaming addiction, besides addiction to alcohol and other bad habits. I was a drunkard and a gambler all these years, living in darkness away from God but now God has set me free with His Word and adopted me as His loving child through His love, mercy and grace.

I had a great desire to see God in a vision. One day during the prayer service, God favoured me and revealed himself to me in a vision.

Another wonderful miracle that the Almighty God worked in my life was a beautiful gift to our family – my wife conceived a baby boy for whom

I had prayed a lot for several months. What else do I need now from God? All these invaluable blessings on me and my family have deepened our faith in Him. We surrender everything to Him who is our Lord and Saviour and give Him thanks, glory, honour and praise. Alleluia!

Mohan Painter, Faridabad

Jesus says, "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you." (Luke 11:9)



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IMPORTANT TIMINGS

DAILY MORNING PRAYER :

On Weekdays from **9:30a.m. to 11:30p.m.** 24hr. Adoration is going on everyday for over the past 2 YEARS. You too can join us in prayer anytime.

HOLY MASS :

On Fridays: morning 10:30 a.m.
On Sundays: evening 6:30 p.m.

**Are you ... worried & burdened?
Are you ... depressed?
Are you ... sick or weak?
Do you ... feel the absence of peace & love in your life?
Are you ... grappling with a lot of problems in your life?**

Then visit this place chosen by God & see for yourselves all the incredible miracles happening here. This place is 'JEEVAN DHAM'. Believe in God and attend the prayer session held every Sunday at St. Anthony's School (ground), Sec-9, Faridabad from morning 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. organized with the grace of Almighty God by 'Jeevan Dham'- H.no.696/ Sec-22, Faridabad. Obtain invaluable graces & heavenly blessings & witness the miraculous healings performed by Him.

WELCOME TO JEEVAN DHAM!

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