

Prayers for
the week –
Sign of the
times



Monday 29th November

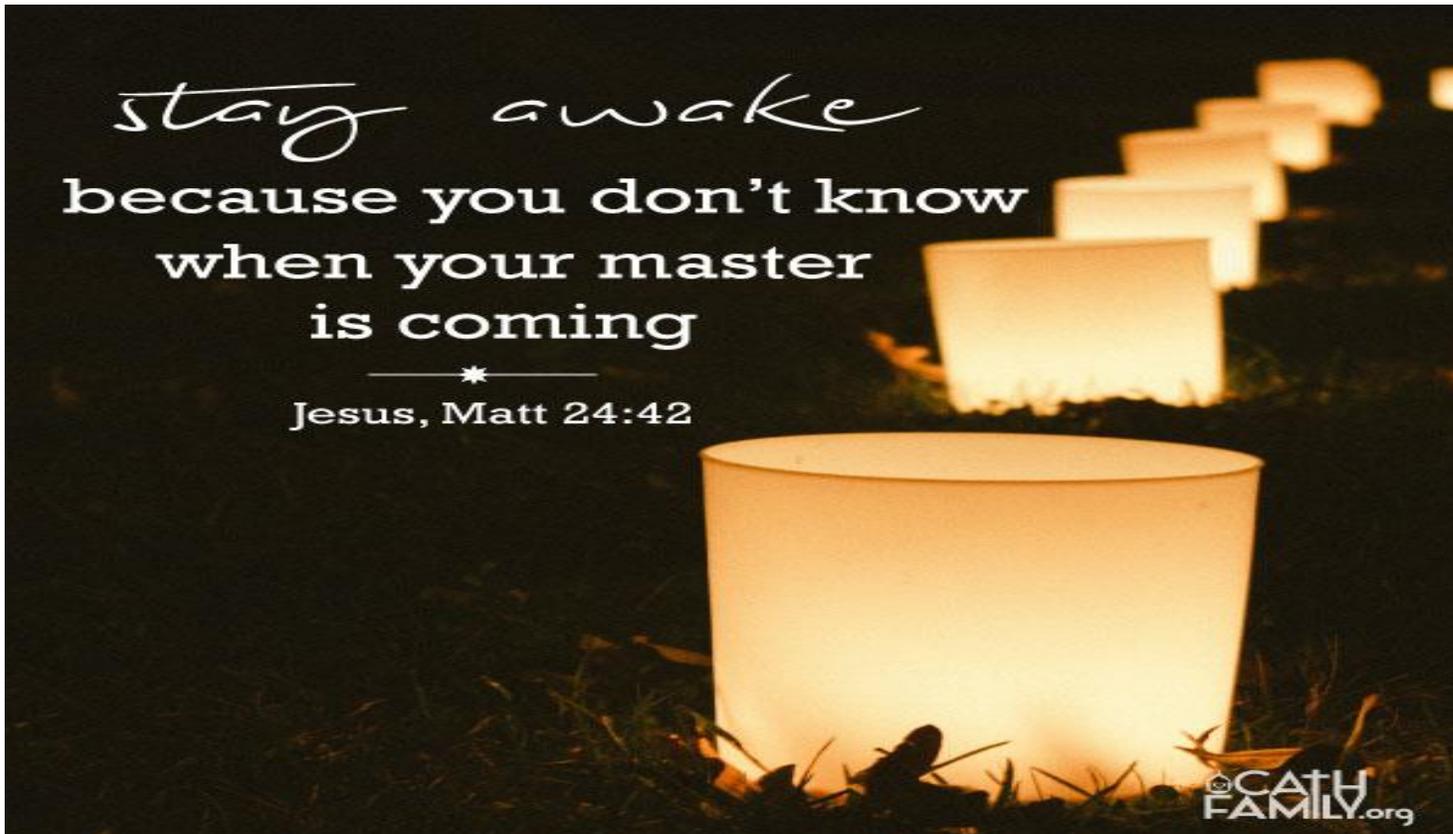


Loving Father,

You alone know what will work out for the best and most of the time you alone know which path we should choose. Our decisions will never be perfect and they will not always work out for the best, but help us to remember that no good ever came from making quick judgments or from sitting on the sidelines. Help us to be wise, compassionate people, and guide us in all things with your love. As we begin our food appeal, open our hearts to help others.

St Joseph – Pray for us

Tuesday 30th November



Loving Father,

You alone give meaning to our actions and you alone work in our hearts and in our lives. Help us not to be empty vessels, but rather people who act on the things we believe and put them into practice through our good works.

During this Advent season, open our hearts to a world of peace and love.

St Joseph – Pray for us

Wednesday 1st December

Loving Father,

you made the world with love and care and you made each person, each time and each place special and treasured. Help us to be people whose eyes, ears and hearts are always open. Help us to know the problems of our fellow human beings and help us to respond warmly and lovingly.



Thursday 2nd December

We offer our thoughts and prayers to
God as we say;

Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed
be thy name; Thy kingdom come Thy will
be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give
us this day our daily bread; And forgive
us our trespasses As we forgive those
who trespass against us; And lead us not
into temptation* But deliver us from evil.

Amen





THE GOSPEL OF
MARK

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away before all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But of that day or that hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."



Every age is different. The places we live are different and things are not the way that they were a generation ago. The culture is different, the needs are different and the problems that communities have to deal with are different too. Every time and place is a little bit different, but we can be sure that every time and place has its own set of needs and its own set of people who really matter.

One of the most important things we can do in life is to be attentive to the signs of our times. In other words, we need to make sure that we are paying careful attention to what's going on around us. As Christians, this is an important thing to do.

We need to listen, and we need to learn and remember. We need to know the people around us and we need to know about the world that we live in. That way we can be of more use. That way, we can respond and make a difference.

Final
thought.....

