

PDT prayers week 3 - Faith

## Monday 20th November



We all say: Lord, come to our aid

Lord

Make me a better person. Help us through the journey of our lives to be faithful to others. Help us to help others as we make them happy.

St Joseph – Pray for us

By Mary- Year 7

## Tuesday 21st November

We all say: Lord, come to our aid

Dear God

Please help us to have faith when others do not. Help those who may be suffering or are having their faith challenged. Please give comfort to those who may need it.

St Joseph – Pray for us

By a Year 7 pupil

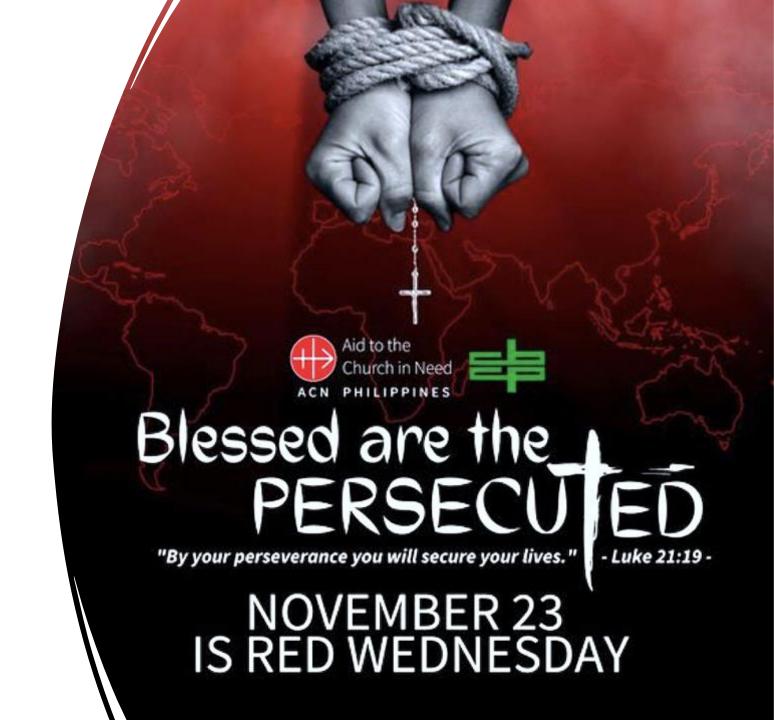


Wednesday 22nd November Red Wednesday

We all say: Lord, come to our aid

We pray for all those unjustly held or kidnapped because of their faith. May they be freed. We pray for all those suffering with mental or physical illness, especially those facing constant discrimination and oppression. We pray that you may ease their pain.

St Joseph – Pray for us



## Thursday 23rd November

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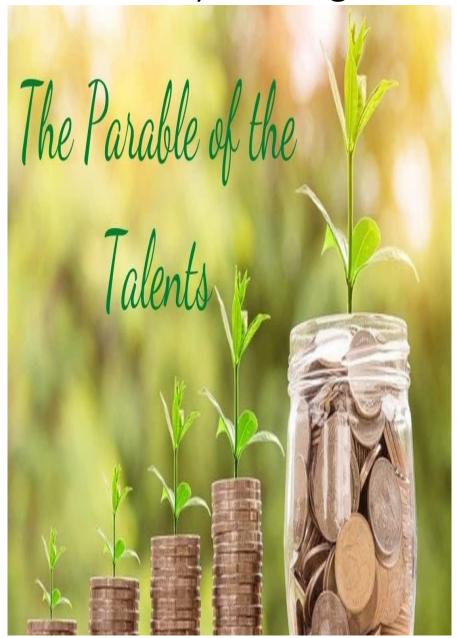
We pray for those who are terrified, mourning and suffering in Israel and Gaza. Ask God to save them from despair – for the trauma and violence they've experienced not to overshadow hope.

We pray that people in Gaza and Israel and those in the wider region wouldn't lose hope that peace is possible. 'With God, all things are possible' (Matthew 19:26).

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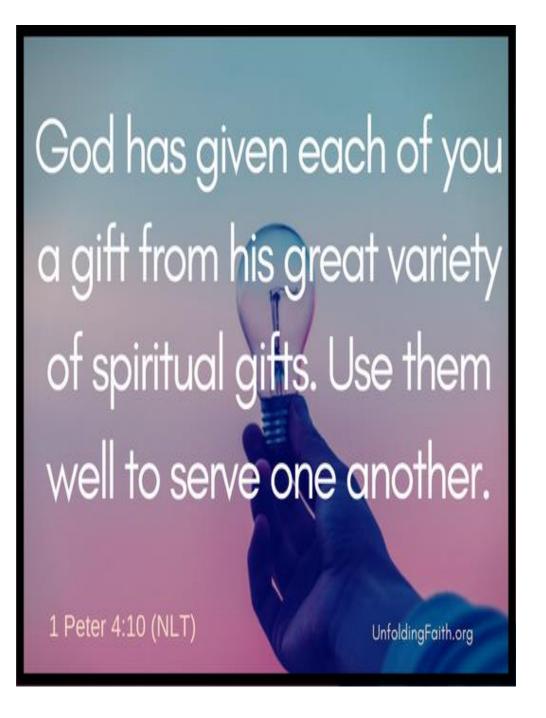
The Friday message



"For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, be to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more.

Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. [c] You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents.



In this parable, Jesus speaks about a rich man who was going on a journey. Before he left, he gave his servants some talents (which is a sum of money in the New Testament period).

What will the servants do? Will they try to invest or will they just hide it under their bed?

Some did invest and got rewards from doing so, others were too scared to do that and as a consequence did not increase its value.

Christians believe that, like the servants in this story, we have all been given gifts. Like the servants, we too can decide whether we use them or not. But what happens when we make those choices?

If you've been given strength and energy, invest and use it in energetically serving others. If you've been given certain technical skills, make use of them in serving God.

If you are compassionate and caring, then help those who maybe going through difficult times.

If you've been given understanding, strive to learn more and humbly share it with others.

God has given every single one of us gifts, and with these gifts we can make our community a better place to be. Do not be afraid of using these gifts, they have been given to you to use in your life.



God of my Life,
thank you for your presence with
me this week,
in the times that were easy and
the times that were hard.
Guide me to a period of rest that I
might preside with you,
recharge my batteries,
and prepare to again do the work
you are calling me to do next
week.

This I pray in your holy and true name.

## Final thought...

