

# **MORNING MEDITATION**

## **Wednesday, Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Gratitude is a duty which ought to be paid,  
but which none have a right to expect.**

(Jean-Jacques Rousseau)

### **Romans 8:26-30**

Paul tells the Christians in Rome that God knows all our weaknesses, even how difficult it is for us to pray. So, he gives us his spirit to help us in our weakness. Since we do not know how to pray as we should, the spirit prays in us, expresses our innermost longings.

**God makes all things work together for the good of those whom he has called. So, listen to the spirit and move with the spirit as the spirit moves.**

### **Psalm 13**

**Look upon me, answer me, Lord, my God!  
Give light to my eyes lest I sleep in death,  
Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed,"  
lest my foes rejoice at my downfall.**

### **Luke 13:22-30**

Jesus was asked whether only a few would be saved. Behind this question was the belief that only Jews would be saved and not the gentiles. Jesus responded by telling them that entrance into the kingdom is not automatic...membership in the Jewish community or any faith community did not guarantee entrance into the kingdom. He called them to make difficult choices and make the difficult journey...the door is narrow, he said. He himself was making his way to Jerusalem to face rejection and eventual death.

Jesus challenges us to make difficult choices, make the difficult journey, walk the path of trials, face testing times, enter through the narrow door.....the way to the kingdom is not easy, but it is just the right way, the way made to fit our needs!

From the beginning of scriptures, we read about great men and women called to make these difficult choices and they in turn called their people to make hard choices. Moses and the prophets and finally Jesus offered people choices between life and death; way of the just and way of the wicked; good and bad; foolishness and wisdom.....

**Pray for wisdom to discern and make good and wise choices and the courage to be faithful to the choices you make.**

## **Saint of the Day, October 27 - St. Emiliana Boulancourt and 15 other saints are remembered this day**

Emiliana was born around the year 1115. She lived as a solitary lay sister in the Cistercian Abbey of Boulancourt, located in the commune of Longeville, in Haute-Marne, North East France. She led a life of great penitence: fasting from food and liquids three days a week, wearing a hair shirt and a pointed iron chain, and going barefoot both in winter and in summer. she also led a wondrous life of prayer, constantly communing with God and frequently reciting the Psalms.

The fame of her sanctity spread quickly and people came to consult her from all around, especially when they heard of her gift of prophecy. The saint received them with patience and humility, counseling them wisely and bringing about the conversion of many. Finally, worn out by her life-long labors and penances, the saintly woman died in 1178. Such was her renown that an eternal light was placed at her grave.

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