

WORD FROM THE PASTOR

EFFECTIVE PRAYER AND WORK OF EVANGELIZATION



Today there is an auto request made by the Lord Himself asking the disciple to pray and ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for the harvest.” It is our responsibility to pray and ask God to inspire workers of all stages of life to give their best talents to the Church through the priesthood consecrated and lay ministry life. We have just heard how the crowds led by Moses were weary and dejected. But God did not remain indifferent to this tragedy. He called Moses and gave a mission to deliver his people from slavery. Having reached the end of their journey, they were invited to a review of their lives: **“Remember all that you have received from the Lord despite your unfaithfulness...”** He encourages and challenges them to remain faithful by saying you must bear witness

to; by the way you live, you must show all peoples what a life renewed by the covenant is.

In his letter to the Romans, the Apostle Paul emphasizes the greatness of God’s love. **If Christ gave His life, it was not to reward our merits; we have nothing to do with it; only the blood of Christ has made us righteous.** Through His death and resurrection, we are reconciled with God; we are already saved. **What is asked of us is to open our hands and our hearts, to welcome this life of Christ and allow ourselves to be transformed by Him.** In the Gospel, Saint Matthew shows us this compassionate gaze of Jesus upon the crowds. He sees them bewildered and dejected like sheep without a shepherd. What concerns Him is not only the distress of everyone, but above all their lack of direction. They have no one to guide them. **Jesus calls His disciples; He asks them to pray to His Father to send missionaries to these bewildered crowds.** Then He proceeds with a recruitment. The Gospel tells us of the twelve apostles whom Jesus calls. He sends them on a mission: heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out demons; above all, they must proclaim that the Kingdom of God is near; **God loves all people and desires the happiness of all, and proclaims the Good News to the whole world.**

This Gospel speaks to us; it prevents us from being indifferent to the physical and moral suffering that afflicts our world. We cannot help but be moved by the material, spiritual, and moral distress of the masses today, many live in disarray and discouragement. Children and young people live without guidance and without a future; believers leave the churches because they do not feel welcomed and listened to. They find no answers to their questions.

Faced with this dramatic situation, the most urgent decision is to turn to prayer: **“Pray to the Father to send out laborers into his harvest...”** The Kingdom of God cannot come without our prayer; if we pray to the Father, it is to align ourselves with His love, so that He may draw us into His will. We ask Him to transform us so that we Let us become passionate and effective workers for the "harvest". **During this Eucharist, we turn to the Lord; we ask Him to teach us to have the same perspective as Him on the bewildered crowds of today; to give us strength and courage to bear witness each day to the hope that animates us.**

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