



Liturgy Cycle A

Ninth Sunday Of The Year **Building On Rock**

Introduction

In today's Gospel Christ says that it is not enough to listen to his words, we have to put them into practice. To put them into practice is to build the house of our lives on a rock like foundation. But do we seriously try to build our lives on the words of Christ?

First Reading (Deuteronomy 11:18.26-28)

Moses exhorts people to obey the commandments of God, and promises that if they do so they will be greatly blessed.

Second Reading (Romans 3:21-25.28)

St Paul tells the Romans that they have been made friends of God through his grace rather than through their own efforts.

Gospel (Matthew 7:21-27)

Christ makes a wonderful promise to those who carry out his teaching. He says to do so is to build the house of one's life on solid rock.

Prayer of the faithful

Let us pray for the wisdom, courage and strength to be able to build our lives on the values of the gospel.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

That all believers may be conscious of their dignity as the children of God, and strive to live up to that dignity. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

That all political civil leaders may strive to be faithful to their responsibilities. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.



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**For those who cannot or will not see beyond the values of this world,
and who have no thought or hope for the eternal life Christ promised.**

Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

**That we may not be afraid to face sacrifice, struggle, and pain, for
there is no other road to growth and maturity as followers of Christ.**

Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Reflection

**Some years ago in a Russian prison
a group of prisoners were brought in.
They were subjected to the usual thorough search.
One man was found to have
a small ball of paper in his mouth.
It contained a few pages from the Gospel.**

**The man knew that long years
in some remote labour camp lay ahead of him,
and that he might never return to free the world.
So what pages from the Gospel
do you think he wanted to take with him,
to give him hope and strength
to face such a bleak future?
He took the Sermon on the Mount.**

**In today's Gospel we heard the end of this sermon.
It contains a heartening promise.
Those who build their lives on the words of Christ
are building them on solid rock.
No one ever claimed such authority for his words.**