



Liturgy Cycle C

# Twenty-Ninth Sunday Of The Year

## Pray Without Ceasing

### **Introduction**

Prayer is a good test of our commitment to Christ. How often do we pray? What kind of things do we pray for? Do we pray only for material things or when we are in trouble?

We pray too seldom. Everything else tends to come before prayer. And even when we do pray often our hearts are empty and our minds distracted by other things. Persistence in prayer brings us closer to God. As Senior Citizens we got the time to pray and pray a lot for others in difficult moments we need to do that. When we pray for others many blessings directly or indirectly are bestowed on us.

### **First Reading (Exodus 17: 8-13)**

This relates the first battle fought by the Israelites after their deliverance from Egypt. They are victorious, not through their own power, but through the power of God which comes to them as a result of the prayer of Moses.

### **Second Reading (2 Tim 3:14-4:2)**

Paul instructs Timothy to abide in the sound doctrine which he has been taught since childhood, and to be zealous in preaching the message of Jesus.

### **Gospel (Luke 18:1-8)**

Jesus exhorts his disciples to pray continually and never to grow discouraged.

### **Prayer Of The Faithful**

Let us pray that God may help us, not only to be firm in our belief in eternal life, but to desire it ardently as the goal that will fulfill all our hopes and longings.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.

For the Church; that through the faith of its members it may be a beacon of hope for the entire world. Lord, hear us.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.

For all of mankind: that those who live without hope and who do not know Christ may come to believe in the eternal life he promised. Lord, hear us.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for the Senior Citizens of our parish that through prayer they may live their lives in holiness and love. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.



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### **Communion Reflection**

**Prayer is not said only for occasional use.  
Its a refuge to resort to now and then,  
especially when things are bad.  
It is rather like an established residence  
for the innermost self.**

**All things have a home  
The bird have a nest,  
The fox a den. The bees a hive.  
A soul without prayer is a soul without a home.  
To pray is to open the door of our innermost self  
so that God and the soul may enter.**

**Prayer is not asking things from God,  
but receiving what he wants to give us.  
It is not offering ourselves to God,  
but welcoming God himself to us.**