

Celebrating Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019...

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Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48

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We see in today's first reading St. Paul considers the faithful Christians as people who have been raised to life, because the risen Lord dwells within each baptized persons. We have to present ourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present ourselves to God as instruments of righteousness. We have been redeemed by the Lord. However the choice is ours. Do we wish to remain under the spell of sin or grace? To attain this grace of God we have to remain true to God's nature which is life giving and unconditional love.

The Gospel passage invites all to remain always ready. "You also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an unexpected hour". Christians are compared to wise and faithful stewards who fulfill their responsibilities with utmost care. The Lord has entrusted us with greater responsibilities to fulfill. 'Jesus invites us to be prepared for unexpected encounters with him'. He will come when we least expect him. But the various ordinary ways he meets us during our lives can also be unexpected. God may call us to do something special, or prompt us to go through some path we have not taken before. He can encounter us through ordinary people, whom we would not expect to be messengers of grace. His word may speak to us in different ways we have not heard before. He tells us to expect the unexpected. As Isaiah says, God's ways are not our ways. What is important is to be open and receptive to his grace at all times. His plans are hidden from us. Let us be vigilant servants everyday of our life to welcome the Lord who comes to us without any information. Let us always expect a surprise visit of the Lord in our life.

Let us always bear in our minds what the Lord has said, "Everyone to whom much is given, of him will much be required; and of him to whom men commit much they will demand the more". As we are in the extraordinary mission month let us, as faithful believers, keep the responsibilities to remain always in grace not in sin.

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