

Weekly Theme

W/C 3rd October 2016



“Having Faith”

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Give us more faith!"

He replied, "Suppose you have faith as small as a mustard seed. Then you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up. Be planted in the sea.' And it will obey you.

"Suppose one of you had a servant ploughing or looking after the sheep. And suppose the servant came in from the field. Would you say to him, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? No. Instead, you would say, 'Prepare my supper. Get yourself ready. Wait on me while I eat and drink. Then after that you can eat and drink.' Would you thank the servant because he did what he was told to do?

"It's the same with you. Suppose you have done everything you were told to do. Then you should say, 'We are not worthy to serve you. We have only done our duty.'"

Before catching the bus or getting a lift in a car, you don't ask the driver if he can drive do you? You trust that he can; you have faith in him or her. Without trust and faith we cannot live. We build our lives on such trust.

There is power in our faith. There is power in our prayer. Our faith in God and his loving care will grow daily if we ask him to increase our faith; but to do this we have to talk to God regularly. Why don't you try giving it a go this week?

Prayer

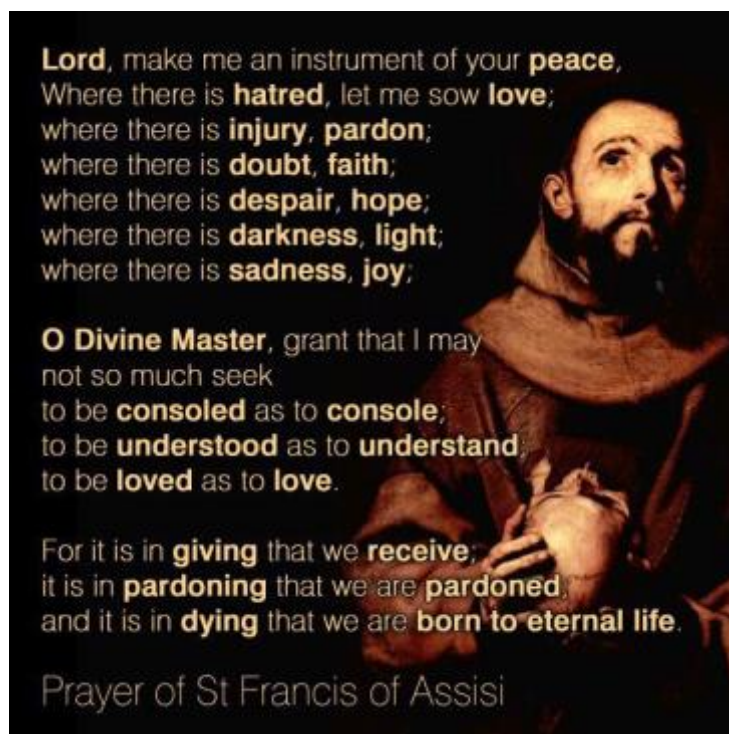
Almighty and eternal God, your love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires.

Help us to place our total confidence in you, that we will not be anxious and that we may think only of your love and the love we should have for others.

Amen

St Francis of Assisi

This week **Tuesday 4th October** we celebrate the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, Our Internal Exclusion Base here in college is named after St Francis because in the prayer written by St Francis we are reminded of how as followers of Jesus we are called to treat each other



CAFOD Harvest Fast day

On **Thursday 6th October** this week we will be celebrating CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. A day when we stop and thank God for all the good things that we receive from the earth. We also remember the millions of people in our world who suffer from hunger and thirst.

We can show our solidarity with our brothers and sisters throughout the world who have so little by giving up our lunch on Thursday and having only a cup of soup and a roll. All the profits we make will be sent to CAFOD to support their work,

Form Tutor

The aim of this week's theme:

We often say, "That faith can move mountains". What do your student's think that this means? The word "mountains" is, of course, used metaphorically to refer to a great "pile" of worries and anxieties. So if we can place complete faith and trust in God, that mound of anxiety can be removed.

Day One

Tutor:

Read Scripture

Student Prayer:

Heavenly Father, help me to be faithful to you, in the things that I say and do.

Amen

St John Plessington
Pray for us

Day 2

Think about: The society in which we live.

Tutor:

Do we have faith in our politician's? Or do we think that they are just in it for themselves?

Many people who enter politics whatever their political views really do want to help people. Today let's think about all the good things in our society that have been brought about by people in politics working together, the National Health Service and Education system and Benefits system.

Student prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for all who work to bring about a just society in our country.

Amen

St John Plessington

Pray for us

Day 3

Think about: The world in which we live.

Tutor:

Today, we would like you to think about the countries that make up the members United Nations Assembly. What do we know about the work of the United Nations? Perhaps today would be a good day to "Google" some information about the organisation.

Student prayer

Loving Father, today we pray for all those who work for peace and harmony between the nations of our world. Give them the gifts of patience and diplomacy.

Amen

St John Plessington

Pray for us

Day Four

Think about our college community

Tutor

In our college community we are each called to be, "Faithful to Christ" But just how can we be faithful? Well one way is by supporting the work of CAFOD. Today we celebrate **CAFOD Harvest Fast Day**. Please remember we are selling a cup of soup and a roll in the Dining Room during lunchtime

today. Please show your support for CAFOD by giving up your lunch and making a donation for your soup and roll.

Student prayer

Loving Lord, help me never to forget that you call me to be "Faithful" to you every minute of every day.

Amen.

St John Plessington

Pray for us

Day Five

Think about our families

Tutor

Today we want you to think about those members of your families who have passed on their Christian faith onto you. Why not make a "Family Tree", listing these members of your family.

Student Prayer

Lord, help me today to remember with gratitude those who in my family who have given me the gift of faith in you.

Amen

St John Plessington

Pray for us

Other prayers you may like to use this week

Almighty God,
every good thing comes from you.
Fill our hearts with love for you,
increase our faith,
and by your constant care,
protect the good you have given us.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Lord, send the power of your Holy Spirit upon us
that we may remain faithful and do your will in our daily lives.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Almighty and ever-living God,
strengthen our faith, hope and love.
May we do with loving hearts what you ask of us
and come to share the life you promise.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Father, open our hearts
to understand your teaching
and help us to become one in faith and praise.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen