

FR.TK. REFLECTIONS 17th SUNDAY YEAR C. 2022.

THIS IS HOW TO DO IT! ASK,SEEK and KNOCK:

All people find themselves in prayer in one way or another.We pray for **anything and for everything!**

Prayer is a natural spontaneous activity in communication with our Creator, father,and God throughout in the scriptures,we find and see people,prophets,priests,leaders and prophets in communication with God in challenging,difficult and even in good moments that connection of looking for an answer is what we may classify as prayer.

Last Sunday in our first reading we saw Abraham establishing a connection with the three strangers whom he hosted.Nothing did he know one of them was God and promised him the following year things will change for the aged Abraham and Sarah they will have a child.This was fulfilled and today we see the confidence and trust which God had in Abraham by sharing with him the impending destruction that would happen to the two **immoral,wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.**

Notice the communication which evolved and the **Bargain** Abraham took to **save** the people.There is **respect,humility and simplicity** in the bargain this is real a **form of prayer and Abraham puts through** the negotiation.How is our relationship with God,do we go into such deep relationship with him in **asking,seeking and knocking in times of extreme anxieties,difficulties,challenges and even in good times? How Is your prayer life? Do you ever plead for others,when they are in challenging moments and storms in their life's?**

Jesus in the Gospel is telling us to be simple and articulate whenever we are having that communication with God and he gives us the **pattern of all the prayers.**He is telling you **ask,seek,and knock and you will receive not you might!**

He is telling you to approach God with **confidence, trust and persistence, go for the bargain and the negotiation and have Patience.** He is telling you to create that rapport and relationship with God through this great prayer of our father.

Notice it has several sets and items. He is not a distant majestic father, He is close to us, we need that **intimacy, humility and patience.** We pray that His name may be **honored, blessed and praised on earth as it is done by angelic hosts.**

We pray that **His kingdom may come upon us to rule and govern our human institutions.**

His **will may be accomplished obediently and lovingly** thus praying for the success of Christ mission.

The prayer turns from the father's desire to our needs.

We are asking for our **needs, the kind of bread we might be looking for, might it be peace during election in Kenya next month, return of suffering Ukrainians back to their homeland, senseless stopping of mishandling of guns, understanding in the families and in the church, job seeking, health, consolation, patience, tolerance in relationships, success,** whatever bread you need negotiate with God now. He will **provide if He does provide to the birds of the air on daily basis what about to us made in His image?**

We need **trust and patience.**

We ask for **forgiveness** of each other as weak human being subject to **limitations, principles, different approaches which will bring frictions and differences sometimes. Forgive us our sins for we also forgive those who do us wrong (Lk. 11:4)** Do we actually forgive? Good time to reflect on it as we say our father today and on daily basis

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We pray that we don't **succumb to temptations but to be rescued from them (Lk. 11:4b)** challenges, hardships, trials, violence outbreak, moral

chaos, power of evil which might spring from our human weakness and spiritual poverty that we might be **spared** and **delivered**, of course if we don't put ourselves into them. We need that grace to face them and can only be in prayer and our faith in **active mode**.

Lets not be **TOO PROUD TO ASK, TOO LAZY TO SEEK** and **TOO TIRED TO KNOCK:**.