

**TK.REFLECTIONS 29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY YEAR C 2022.**

**DON'T GIVE UP YET:**

Prayer and faith are very closely connected and they compliment one another. It is because we have **faith** that we **pray** and that **prayer sustains faith**.

As human beings we are tempted to pray when we are in **need, challenges, troubled or disturbed**. The call today is that **we must pray always and not to give up** at all.

On our journey here on earth challenges, hardship are part and parcel of life's. We encounter numerous **threats** of our **security and stability safety, sickness, work, social, spiritual, food, water, housing**. These are the same challenges we hear in the first reading faced by the Israelites from Egypt. Threat of **pharaoh's army, trek in the desert, water, food, crossing reeds sea opposition from the tribes they passed through in their countries** like the Amalek. Don't we all face these on our earthly journey on a daily basis. Don't we need a leader in all aspects like Moses and his miraculous **staff and staff!** A person of integrity and **prayerful and faithful and trusting in God**.

Whenever he held the staff up in prayer, they won whenever he relaxed due to weariness, they were defeated till they improvised a method of keeping his hand supported. Don't we all need this improvised **support from one another in prayer of intercessions, support! Don't we all get wearied and tired** which we might term as **Spiritual burnout**. In all these we are called to keep on praying and interceding for others, those in leadership, relatives, friends and people even many miles away from us the prayer will reach there, we should be united then in prayer.

Obviously we will need **spiritual jump starting** when we are stalled in prayer, in such cases we will need to turn to scripture as St. Paul tells us in the second reading **all scriptures are inspired by God and useful for**

**teaching and training.where is your Bible? When did you open it of late?**

**In the scripture we hear what God wants us to do, it is the word of God to us, in prayer we tell God what we need, it is our word to Him! Scripture helps us not only to quote but also to penetrate and shape our spiritual life,it gives us direction and opens new avenues.**

Prayer defenetly can be very frustrating sometimes,we pray but nothing seems to work,happen,the world seems not to change as quickly as we would want.God seems to be on vacation when we urgently need him.we feel so empty where is He! We want Him to act here and now according to our need and time,yet **he knows what is good for us and the appropriate time.**we forget that he **hears every word we say, every thought we have, knows everything we need and everything good for us.GODS TIME IS THE BEST.**

He is not like the unjust judge who had little or no time for the poor widow in the Gospel.we meet all these poor ones on daily life's,the **sick,the lepers,the stressed,those in vocational crisis due to misunderstandings,those in marriage crisis,relationship conflicts or mid- life crisis.**Dont they need our **our ear,shoulder and attention through prayers of intercessions?**

The poor widow is teaching us **persistence and not giving up even when the going becomes tough.we keep on praying.**

**"I tell you all that you ask for in prayer,believe that you will receive and it shall be yours(mk.11:22-23).**prayer is the source of strength to sustain what is wavering(pope st.John Paul 11).

If we keep on praying without giving up then **Christ will find strong faith on earth when he comes back.**

**YOU MUST NOT GIVE UP IN PRAYER.**