

FR.TK REFLECTIONS 1st JANUARY 2025:

MARY MOTHER OF GOD:

Many companies have printed and distributed the calendars for 2025. perhaps you have one or more with a planner for the year. At the moment they are so neat and empty spaces but soon they will be filled with different dates, Doctors appointments, weddings, meetings, tax dates, travelings and other important things which might require your attention within the year. we need to look back over the past year to see what we have accomplished, what we have not done, what to improve and what to get rid of. what we have done and others have done to us. we need to **purify our memories of the illusions and self deception** of our past and admit the **real truth by examining our conscience.** we must separate the deeds from the ideals we had set.

Failing in our **responsibilities, fidelities, failing our families, our churches, employer or even spouser.** let's be truthful of the past but we too **let past be past!** we must release the extra memories **baggage's of last year thus setting ourselves free to move on.** unburden yourselves from Carrying others luggage's . Many unaccomplished/unfinished business will definitely spill over to the silent new year.

All these might cause **anxieties, fear, stress, joys and even panic** to us as human beings. In spite of all that we are called to face the year with **courage, determination, hope and to be optimistic** in all what we undertake. we need to face the year with refreshed **vision and commitment to faith and trust in God.** we will face challenges no doubt in our present world of division, uncertainty, and sadness, **we are not alone in this valley**

of tears and mourning and weeping yet we are called to bring joy and light to those parts of the world in darkness(Ignatius press).

There is no better way we can enter the new year than the Blessings accorded in our first reading with **duties and responsibilities given to Moses by Yahweh**>go to Aaron and his sons and tell them to Bless my people with these Blessings:

May Yahweh Bless you and keep you.

May yahweh let his face shine on you and be gracious unto you.May yahweh show his face on you and bring you peace

Then I shall Bless them (Numb.6:22-27)

What a Blessing with this new year for all of us!

We are called to see the presence of God in all the activities we undertake this year in our life's.we see the **helping,teaching, strengthening.connecting,healing and redeeming grace** in all the activities and **if God is on our side what will we be afraid of?** This is where our faith comes into effect the trust and confidence in whatever we do.

Our resolutions should be based on faith and God powers.We must build the culture of of light and life and **light that illuminate in the darkness of our life rather than cursing the dark.**

We see what we can bring to the world,church,society and family rather than what they can bring to us.

We put **honesty,trust,confidence,respect** and **rekindle the light of the world.**

We are not alone in this ,we are lucky as we celebrate **the great day of Mary mother of God, and our mother may she intercede for us now and throughout this year and always and we echo her submission and commitment to God like her.**

Am the handmaiden of the lord may it be done to me according to your word this year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025 TO ALL.