

The members of the Oblate family connect with each other through this prayer on the third Sunday every month.

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### EVANGELIUM LIVE: Mark 10:35-45

*You are the Messiah ... The Son of Man must suffer many things.*

“Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” Elementary. To ask God to give me what I want, what I need, to help me, to help those I care about... I do it often. I have a specific request with a very precise solution as to what should happen to make it good for me, to make me happy. A precise plan on how to handle which situation. And God will work it out, help me. But mostly in a completely different way than I expected. Something completely different happens, and sometimes at the beginning it looks like it's not going to have the outcome for me that I was hoping for. But it's usually just the opposite. If I wait for a while, if I give God time to act, He will make it so that it is perfect in the end. Different than I planned, but perfect. And for that, I am grateful every day.



### St. Eugen's letter to Bishop Billiet, 1830

*I took the resolution never to rush the time of Providence and in the future to allow myself to be led quite gently by it, to let it speak twice, lest I not understand its adorable designs very well.*

## Mark 10:35-45

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

