

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: Luke 18:1-8

In this Gospel, which encourages us to pray without ceasing, without tiring and without losing heart, even when it seems that God is ignoring our pleas, we see the figure of a woman who tirelessly demands justice for her life, and a judge who ultimately grants it to her precisely because of her persistence. So too, God asks for perseverance in prayer so that faith may remain alive on earth. Prayer as a way of life, not just as a means of last resort.

I spent two years of my life praying every single day.

I spent the first year in an Oblate community, where prayer was part of the daily routine. The hours spent alone or in community in prayer were not a burden to me; they were a source of freedom and relief. Having this time to myself was like experiencing moments of intimacy with God.

The second year was the year of covid, a time when everyone was stuck at home: some studied, others played games, and I prayed, among other things. That's how the evening rosary came about.

Every evening, two friends from Sicily and I connected by phone and prayed the rosary together. Sometimes there were even more of us. It was a magical moment when the three of us spent about an hour together, praying for the sick, but sometimes without any specific intention - as if no reason was needed. Prayer fulfilled me, simply because I wasn't doing it just for myself.



Praying with our Constitutions, James E. Sullivan, OMI:

What is our pastoral-missionary secret? How can we measure up to the mission confided in us? Evidently, in being a disciple of the Lord, not just in the ministry, but also in that which inspires the ministry, namely, Prayer. And not just the prayer of every normal routine day: but time off, time "squeezed in", for stronger moments to be with the Father, as Jesus was with Him.

Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

