

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: Lk 21:5-19

Today's Gospel has such a powerful effect on me that if I took Jesus' prophetic words literally, I would be overcome with fear and remain standing in place with anxiety. However, the words in Luke's Gospel do not encourage this.

Perseverance, patience and hope. These are the words that, in my opinion, represent the entire Gospel of today and that have been accompanying me in my life lately. Humans naturally need to know things in advance, to have information, to have the whole situation under control. But Jesus speaks of the opposite. That we should prepare ourselves for great changes, riots, lies, storms...



I am currently experiencing a lot of changes and new things that are not always comfortable. I would like to have them under control, but it is not possible. There are things in life that we cannot plan or predict how they will be and what they will look like. I knew that such changes would come in my life, but I did not know exactly when or how intense and urgent they would be.

But as Jesus says at the end of the Gospel: “By your perseverance you will secure your life.” This statement sounds urgent, but I feel strong support in it. Perhaps what I hear in this statement is: Be patient, have courage, and your determination and sincerity will bring you closer to Christ. Because Christ is life.

And so I wish all of you to be persistent, patient, and remain hopeful during difficult times, because every challenging period will eventually come to an end. Our reward is life in Christ. His love and acceptance.

St. Eugene de Mazend

“When you are on the cross, you must hang on to it. It is a gift.”

Luke 21:5-19

While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, he said, “All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down.”

Then they asked him, “Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?” He answered, “See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he,’ and ‘The time has come.’ Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end.” Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky. Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives.”

