

Living Faith Kids

Daily Devotions for Africa



“Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.”

Matthew 17:3



Dear friends,

welcome to the Living Faith Kids, August edition. Each year, on 15th of August, in the Catholic Church, we celebrate a well-known feast called Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven is the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. Did Mary Actually Die? What is death? We see it as the end of a person's life when the body disintegrates into dust later to be resurrected at the Last Judgment. But death is also a passage from one state of life (on earth) to another state of existence (in eternity). The Church has not said whether Mary died or not. It says only that Mary made the transition from this temporal life into eternity with God. The significant issue is that, like Jesus, her body did not suffer corruption.

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Welcome to

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With this magazine, we can...

Read words from the Bible

God speaks to us in Scriptures. So each day, we pick a short quote from one of the daily Mass readings in order to think and pray about.

Pray with daily devotions

Daily prayer is a great way to get to know God better. Each reflection can help us to pray with the Word of God—every day!



Discover, learn, play and love

Our Catholic faith is like a big treasure chest waiting for us to discover. Here we will find games, activities, puzzles and more to help us learn about the sacraments, saints, feast days, the Mass and more. Have fun!

Reading the Bible

Our daily devotions begin with a passage from the Bible. Want to read more? The CITATION (sigh-TAY-shun) will guide you to the reading in three easy steps:

BOOK ➡ **Psalm 47:2** CHAPTER
VERSE

1: Book. The Bible is divided into books. Check your Bible for a list of titles.

***Psalm 47:2** is from the Book of Psalms.*

2: Chapter. The first number is the chapter. Bibles usually show book and chapter at the top of each page.

***Psalm 47:2** is in
Chapter 47 of the Book of Psalms.*



3: Verse. Last are the verse number(s). Verses are usually a sentence or two long. The tiny numbers are hidden inside the text.

***Psalm 47:2** is verse 2 of Chapter 47.*

Ready? Set? Go!

Practice by looking up Psalm 47:2.



August at a Glance

Activity Calendar of August



Week Saint John Vianney

1 Pray for your parish priest.



Week Saint Clare

2 Help a needy child
Repeat daily
"Jesus you are my light".



Week Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

3 Pray daily one Hail Mary.



Week The Queenship of Mary

4 Repeat daily. "you are our mother".

He who has ears, let him hear.

Matthew 13:43

Tuesday

August 1

SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP AND DOCTOR, MEMORIAL

God has given us ears to hear. In a special way, He gives us His spirit to help us hear His voice. He talks to us in many ways such as through His word, nature and our prayers. We have to attentively listen to His voice and behave according to His will. May the Holy Spirit help us to Hear the voice of God and always put into practice His word.



Exodus 33: 7-11; 34:5b-9.28 / Psalms103 / **Matthew 13: 36-43**

You are holy, O lord our God.

Psalms 99: 9c

Wednesday August 2

Being Holy means being perfectly good, always doing good. Only God is Holy. We are called to imitate God who is holy. What does it mean to be Holy for us? It means repenting when we sin, forgiving those who wrong us, and always asking the Spirit of God to purify us. God calls us to be Holy just like He is Holy.

Eternal God, help us to be Holy, because you who loved us are Holy.

Exodus 34: 29-35 / Psalms 99: 5. 6. 7. 9/ Matthew 13: 44-46

One day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Psalms 84: 11

Thursday

August 3

Sometimes we enjoy being in this world with relatives, friends and other people.

At times, we get angry, we offend people and at other times, they offend us. This makes our lives stressful and sometimes even difficult. However God invites us to stay in His presence always. Because in His presence, there is peace and many blessings.

May we find happiness in the presence of God.

I am the Lord your God, who brought you up
from the land of Egypt

Psalms 81: 11

Friday

August 4

SAINT JOHN MARY VIANNEY, PRIEST, MEMORIAL

God saved the children of Israel from slavery. Like the people of Israel, We often go through hardships and sufferings. At times, we are unable to find hope. God is assuring us today that just like He saved the people of Israel from Egypt, only Him can still save us from our troubles today. In Him we are always safe.

Lord Jesus, teach our hearts and
minds to trust you and find peace
Through your protection.

Leviticus 23: 1. 4-11. 15-16. 27. 34b-37 / **Psalms 81: 3-4. 5-6. 10-11ab** /

Matthew 13: 54-58

You shall not wrong one another, but you shall fear your God; for I am the Lord your God .
Leviticus25:17

Saturday

August 5

As Christians, we should always be mindful of others. We should respect and care for one another so that we do not hurt them. In this regard, we live without making other people angry. This is what God wants of us. We should do good things to others at all times. When we do good, we respect God and make Him happy.



Leviticus 25: 1. 8-17/ Psalms 67: 2-3. 5. 7-8/ Matthew 14: 1-12

“This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”

Matthew 17: 5

Sunday

August 6



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD, FEAST

Following Jesus Baptism, God gave us a sign and confirmation that Jesus is indeed His son. How should we react after knowing He is the son of God? We should love Him, serve Him and Listen to Him. He has the Words of Truth from God the Father. Our call as Christians is to do His will. By so doing, we do the will of our Father in heaven.

Lord, increase our Faith in Jesus your Son.

Daniel 7: 9-10. 13-14/ Psalms 97: 1-2. 5-6. 9/ 2 Peter 1: 16-19 /

Matthew 17: 1-9

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd,
he had compassion on them and healed
their sick.

Matthew 14:14

Monday

August 7

Jesus is loving and caring. He always did good things to other people. His power healed people and did many miracles. As His followers, we should always trust Him, believe in His Power in us and imitate Him. We should always be compassionate like Jesus. When faced by difficulties, we should trust Him because He is still powerful and loving as always.

Lord Jesus, help us to be compassionate and to always reach out to those who need our help and prayers.

"Moses cried to the Lord, Heal her, O God,
I beg you."

Numbers 12:13

Tuesday

August 8

SAINT DOMINIC, PRIEST, MEMORIAL

Do you know who Miriam was in the old testament? She was Moses' sister! One time she spoke negatively about Moses. God punished her with a disease, but Moses was loving and very caring. He prayed to God to heal her and she was healed. This teaches us not to revenge when people do or say bad things about us. Instead, we should forgive them and pray for them just like Moses did.

God, help us to be kind even to those who hurt us.

Numbers 12: 1-13 / Psalms 51: 3-4. 5-6ab. 6cd-7. 12-13 /

Matthew 15: 1-2. 10-14

“O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you desire.”

Matthew 15:28

Wednesday

August 9

A Canaanite Woman went to Jesus to plead for her daughter to be healed.

Jesus was very impressed with the woman who had a strong Faith. Jesus healed her daughter instantly. We should have a strong faith and believe that when we pray, God will answer our prayers.



Numbers 13: 1-2, 25-14: 1, 26a-29a, 34-35/ Psalms 106: 6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/

Matthew 15:21-28

“He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever”

2 Corinthians 9:9

Thursday

August 10

SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR, FEAST

Do you sometimes feel like there is no hope for the poor? Are there moments you feel unsure about many things? God is the one who gives all things to people. He owns everything. In His goodness, He takes care of the people and gives them strength to go through difficult moments without giving up. We should always be hopeful that God will take care of our needs, give us happiness and contentment.

Lord our God, kindly inspire in us the assurance that we can rely on you in every situation.

2 Corinthians 9: 6-10 / Psalms 112: 1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 / John 12: 24-26

If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me

Matthew 16:24

Friday

August 11

SAINT CLARE, VIRGIN, MEMORIAL

Are you baptized? Did you know that once you are baptized you become a follower of Jesus Christ? Following Jesus means doing according to His will, obeying His word, obeying our parents and caring for others as Jesus would. Following Jesus is not always easy. Jesus calls us to follow Him even if it is hard. We have to sacrifice in order to be His followers. Did you know that Jesus carried the cross to save us?

Jesus our master, please help us to carry our cross and follow you with humility and obedience to your word.

“hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might...

Deuteronomy 6: 4

Saturday

August 12

Sometimes, we wonder what it is like to be a good Christian. What does God want from us? God is Love. We cannot be Christians if we do not love God. Loving God means making Him the priority in our lives, obeying His commandments, worshiping Him alone. What are some of the things that draw us away from loving God?

Father, increase in us a true and unconditional love for you.

Deuteronomy 6: 4-13 / Psalms 18: 2-3a. 3c-4. 47 and 51/ Matthew 17: 14-20

“...take heart it is I; have no fear.”

Matthew 14:27

Sunday

August 13



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When things get difficult, when our parents, siblings and friends struggle to make things work, where is our hope? Sometimes we feel afraid. Some things make us feel unsafe. When this happens, how do we find back our peace? God calls us to cast aside all our cares and worries. If we trust and pray to God, He will give us the courage to do the right things without fear.

God our protector, help us to find peace in your comfort even when we face difficulties

1 Kings 19: 9a, 11-13a/ Psalms 85: 9, 10, 11-12, 13-14/ Romans 9: 1-5/

Matthew 14: 22-33

You shall fear the Lord your God; you shall serve him and cling to him, and by his name you shall swear.

Deuteronomy 10:20

Monday

August 14

MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE, PRIEST, MEMORIAL

What do you think fearing God means?

Is it the same fear we feel when we are faced by a wild animal or in the darkness? God cannot do bad things to us. When the Bible asks us to fear God, it tells us to respect and love God who is Holy. Fearing God means doing the right thing because when we do the wrong thing, God becomes unhappy with us.



Deuteronomy 10: 12-22 / Psalms 147: 12-13. 14-15. 19-20 / Matthew 17: 22-27

...“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb...

Luke 1:42

Tuesday

August 15

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, SOLEMNITY

Do you know the Mother of Jesus?

Mary is the mother of God. The angel of God called her blessed because she had been chosen by God to be the mother of our savior Jesus Christ. Today, even us know that she is indeed blessed and that when she prays for us, Jesus will hear our prayers. Let us always ask Mary the mother of Jesus to pray with us to her Son.

Mary our mother, may you intercede for us to your son Jesus Christ

Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

Matthew 18:19

Wednesday August 16

Did you know that God gives us the power to make choices? Jesus wants us to always discuss and agree with those we live with – our friends, parents, teachers and all trusted adults. This means we need to be united and always listen to each other. If we pray together with others, Jesus will hear us and answer our prayers.

Lord Jesus, teach us to genuinely listen to the concerns of our brothers and sisters so that you may listen to our prayers.

So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you don't forgive your brother from your heart.

Matthew 18:35

Thursday August 17

Have you ever made someone angry by doing something bad? We all make mistakes. When we make others feel bad, we should ask them to forgive us. Also when other people do bad things to us, we should forgive them. When we pray the Lord's prayer, we ask God to forgive us just as we forgive others. We should therefore forgive so that we too can be forgiven. When we do this, God is happy with us and He forgives us too.

Father, give us the humility to ask for forgiveness and to forgive those who wrong us.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

Psalms 136: 1

Friday

August 18

Did you know about the magical words?

Well, 'thank you' is among the five magical words. When someone gives us something or does something, we should always say thank you. Now imagine we say thank you to other people. What about to God? God takes care of us every day, gives us His blessings and everything we need. We are alive because of Him. We should always thank God for the things He does for us. It makes Him happy when we say 'Thank you God'

Lord, give us the spirit to always be thankful to you for your gifts to us.

Joshua 24: 1-13 / Psalms 136: 1-3. 16-18. 21-22 and 24 / Matthew 19: 3-12

“let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 19:14

Saturday

August 19

How do adults behave when children come close to our guests and leaders?

Sometimes, they ask the children to go away from them. Is that the same case with Jesus? Jesus Loves Children. When His disciples told children to go away from him, He was not happy. He told them to allow children go to him. Today we should always go closer to Jesus because he still loves us.



Joshua 24: 14-29/
Psalms 16: 1-2a and 5. 7-8. 11/
Matthew 19: 13-15

“Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.”

Isaiah 56: 1

Sunday

August 20



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We are children of God. How should we treat others? God's word tells us how to treat others. The prophet of God told Israelites to always do good. Today, God tells us to keep doing good. Obeying our parents, teachers and other adults is a good behavior. As we do good, we wait for God to show us His salvation.

Father inspire in us the spirit to
always do what is pleasing to you.

Isaiah 56: 1. 6-7/ Psalms 67: 2-3. 5. 6. 8 (4/ Romans 11: 13-15. 29-32/ Matthew 15: 21-28

“if you want to be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and to you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me”

Matthew 19:21

Monday

August 21

SAINT PIUS X, MEMORIAL

Is it bad to be rich? Does it mean the rich cannot enter heaven? Why did Jesus ask the rich man to sell everything? Having riches is not bad, but we should not let them make us forget God. We pray God to keep us free from the things that make us not to follow him. As a young person what are some of the things that make you not follow Jesus? We should use our earthly materials to glorify God by sharing and helping those in need.

Lord Jesus, make us humble enough to realize that we should worship you only and use our earthly riches to help others

Judges 2: 11-19/ Psalms 106: 34-35. 36-37. 39-40. 43ab and 44 /

Matthew 19: 16-22

The Lord is with you mighty man of valour.

Judges 6:2

Tuesday

August 22



QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MEMORIAL

Do you sometimes feel afraid? At times we are faced with situations that make us feel insecure, afraid and at times very uncomfortable. During such times, our parents are our source of security, we look up to them for assurance that all shall be well. Apart from our parents do we look up to God for safety? Did you know that God is all powerful? He is strong, powerful and cannot be defeated. As our Father, we have to trust Him to protect us from all bad things.

Heavenly Father, help us to find our comfort in you.

Judges 6: 11-24a / Psalms 85: 9, 11-12, 13-14 / Matthew 19: 23-30

‘Come and reign over us.’

Judges 9:10

Wednesday August 23

What do you understand by a King? A king is a leader who tells us what to do, where to go and how to behave. Sometimes our parents and guardians are our earthly Kings. God is a King who rules and cares for His people. When we let him lead us, we have the hope of going to heaven. Always pray God to lead us in the way He wants us to go.



Judges 9: 6-15 / Psalms 21: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/ Matthew 20: 1-16

“Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the son of man”.

John 1:51

Thursday

August 24

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE, FEAST

Today we are happy to celebrate Saint Bartholomew. Do you know that his second name is Nathaniel? Jesus revealed to him some mysteries to show that He is the Messiah. Today, do we also need miracles and mysteries to believe in Jesus? Certainly, Jesus works many wonders and miracles in our lives. We only need to recognize what Jesus does in our lives to realize that He is the messiah today as He was then and will forever be.

Lord Jesus remove in us any doubts that make us not realize your miracles in our lives.

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

Matthew 22:37

Friday

August 25

God is love. He wants us to be like Him.

That is why in many times He calls us to Love Him with everything that we have. When we love God, we become like Him. We fill our homes and families with Love. By loving God, we allow His Love to guide us in our life. So always let us Love God with all our Hearts.

Dear God, increase in us a true love of you and your creations.

Ruth 1: 1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 / Psalms 146: 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 /

Matthew 22: 34-40

He who is greatest among you shall be your servant; whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles will be exalted .

Matthew 23:12

Saturday

August 26

Many times, when we think about leadership, we think about being the boss, the one who tells others what to do.

We think about being in high positions and being served. Unfortunately, Jesus gives us a different example of leadership. He tells us to serve others instead of them serving ourselves. Do you know that when we serve others, we are blessed? Jesus tells us that the greatest among people are the ones that serve others. To serve is to help those that need our help.

Jesus our teacher, teach us to serve others in humility and love.

“For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for ever. Amen.”

Romans 11:36



Sunday

August 27

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Everything we do as Christians should be centered on Christ. He is the center of our faith, our hopes and our lives. Through Jesus, we get blessings, we pray to God. Through Jesus, we get salvation. What does this mean for you? It means that when we are baptized we have to pray through Jesus name, we have to do all that He wants us to do. Most important, we have to always praise Jesus, for everything.

Lord Jesus, help us to fully surrender to you and live a life centred on your will.

Isaiah 22: 19-23 / Psalms 138: 1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc) / **Romans 11: 33-36** /
Matthew 16: 13-20

Your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything.

1 Thessalonians 1:8

Monday

August 28

SAINT AUGUSTINE, BISHOP, MEMORIAL

Did you know that when we have Faith in Jesus, our actions speak louder than our words? People who observe our lives see our good deeds, our prayer life and our faith and they do not need to doubt that we are Christians. In what ways does your life witness Jesus? Our Faith in God should be seen in our day to day lives by our parents, friends and all the people around us. Let us always pray to Jesus to enable us preach his message of love through our actions.

Lord Jesus, renew our lives, may you live in us, may we live in you.

1Thessalonians 1: 1-5. 8b-10 / Psalm 149: 1b-2. 3-4. 5-6a and 9b /
Matthew 23: 13-22

They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord.

Jeremiah 1:19

Tuesday

August 29

MARTYRDOM OF JOHN THE BAPTIST, MEMORIAL

Do you sometimes feel like there are people against you? Do you sometimes struggle to be happy and enjoy living with friends, teachers and your family members? We may feel afraid at times, but today, God tells us not to be afraid. He will support and defend us. Let us believe and always pray to God.

Heavenly Father, may our hearts find peace in the assurance of your protection.

You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our behaviour to you believers...

1 Thessalonians 2:10

Wednesday

August 30

Who is a witness? This is someone who tells people about what he saw or heard or read or learnt. As Christians, we are witnesses of Jesus in the world. We speak to other people about how good Jesus is. As Christians, we should live a good life that other people who know us, become witnesses of our good deeds. For this to happen, we have to always imitate Christ who is our mentor and master.

Lord Jesus, help us to be witnesses of your Love through our actions.

1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13 / Psalms 139: 7-8. 9-10. 11-12ab / Matthew 23: 27-32

“Watch, for you do not know on what day
your Lord is coming...”

Matthew 24: 42

Thursday

August 31

Does anyone know about the future? Do you know what will happen next day, next month, next year? Unless God reveals to us, we cannot tell what will happen in future. Because we do not know about the future, the Bible tells us to always be ready. What does this mean? It means forgiving each other always, repenting from our sins and praying God to keep us in His will.



1 Thessalonians 3: 7-13/ Psalms 90: 3-5a. 12-13. 14 and 17/
Matthew 24: 42-51

Living Faith Kids features daily devotions based on the daily Scripture readings, commentaries and illustrations. This quarterly pamphlet is mainly made for African children in order to help them grow in faith and wisdom. It also helps develop their habit of daily prayer and build their relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church. This is an important tool for our kids to take part in liturgical worship and parish life. It can therefore be used in our schools, catechesis classes and homes.

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**“For as in Adam all die, so in Christ
all will be made alive.”**

1 Corinthians 15:27



**“A child is a child
of everyone.”**

Sudanese proverb