

Living Faith Kids

Daily Devotions for Africa



“Blessed are those
who are persecuted for
righteousness...”

Matthew 5:10



All Saints and All Souls Day

The Church, after celebrating the Solemnity of All SAINTS on the 1st November prays on the 2nd November for all those who, in the purifying suffering of Purgatory await the day when they will be joined to the company of saints. Throughout this month of November, we are therefore invited to pray for all our relatives and friends who have gone before us in the past and this year. They have ended their service on earth and passed from death to new life in company with Christ. We pray that God may welcome them and shine His face upon them through the intercession of all the saints of heaven.

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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.



November at a Glance

Activity Calendar of November



Week All Saints day.

- 1** Write down what you know about your baptismal – Saint name.



Week African Saints

- 2** Name all the African Saints



Week Christ the King

- 3** Repeat daily "Jesus you are my King"



Week Saint Andrew

- 4** Write down about Saint Andrew.

Beloved: See what the Father has given us,
that we should be called children of God; and
so we are.

1 John 3: 1

Wednesday November 1

ALL SAINTS, SOLEMNITY

Being a child of God is a gift from God. You might ask yourself, how does one become a child of God, while you are already a child of your parents? To be a child of God simply means to welcome God in your life, to accept to walk in the ways of Jesus Christ, to have received the baptism, to live and share the joy of Christians and of the Church.

Lord, I thank you for being my
Father.

Revelation 7: 2-4. 9-14 / Psalms 24: 1b-2. 3-4ab. 5-6 / **1 John 3: 1-3** /
Matthew 5: 1-12a

The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Psalms 23:1

Thursday November 2

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

Have you ever been in a sheepfold? Or have you ever seen sheep in the pasture? The Shepherd feeds the sheep where there is plenty of grass so that the sheep can eat to their content; a true shepherd is concerned about the welfare of his sheep. So is the



Lord with us, he cares for our well-being so that we do not lack anything; but are we always obedient to let ourselves be led where there is everything?

Job 19:1.23-27 b / **Psalms 23:1-3.4.5.6** / Romans. 5:5-11 / Matthew 5: 1-12a

“Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well, will not immediately pull him out on a Sabbath day?”

Luke 14:5

Friday

November 3

30TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

It is important to respect laws and rules; you certainly have rules at school, or at home, set up for your growth and your education in discipline. This is what a law or a rule leads to, to make you grow humanly. It is important to understand that rules are meant to guide and one should abide by these rules with intelligence.

Lord show me the way that leads to true wisdom

God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

Romans 11: 2

Saturday

November 4

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO, BISHOP

Rejection is common to human beings.

It can happen that in a group you are rejected, or that you feel rejected by people you would like to be with; this can make you unhappy. If this happens, it is important to know why you are rejected, is it your behavior towards others? Then you are the one who must change! But there is someone who never rejects us, to whom we must always cling. His name is Jesus. Do you realize that he knows you? And even before you were born.

Lord, you who look deep into our hearts, welcome me.

Romans 11: 1-2a. 11-12. 25-29 / Psalms 94: 12-13a. 14-15. 17-18 /

Luke 14: 1. 7-11

For they preach but do not practice.

Matthew 23:3

Sunday

November 5

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Are you a child who keeps his words?

Words and deeds must always go together. There is this popular saying which stipulates that “a promise is a debt”; when I say I am going to do something, and I don’t do it, I may become a liar, and will put myself in a situation of debt. Saying and not doing discredits us



in front of others, meanwhile we are expected to be reliable people and always keep our words.

Malachi 1: 14b- 2: 2b. 8-10 / Psalms 131: 1. 2. 3 / 1 Thessalonians 2: 7b-9. 13 /

Matthew 23: 1-12

But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you.

Luke 14:13-14



Monday

November 6

THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Very often when we organize for a party, a birthday for example, we invite our friends, relatives and other family members because they also invite us when they have a party. Jesus tells us that we must also invite the needy, those who cannot invite us in return. This may not seem like a good idea. However, Jesus is teaching us today to be generous even to those who have nothing to give back to us.

Dear Lord, please grant me a generous heart to serve even those less fortunate.

Romans 11: 29-36 / Psalms 69: 30-31. 33-34. 36 / **Luke 14: 12-14**

Brethren: We, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Romans 12: 5

Tuesday

November 7

THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

The limbs of a body considered individually are very important for the coordination and balance of the whole body. Try for example to wash dishes with one hand, you may manage to do it, but it would certainly be easier and faster if you use both hands. In Christian community all of us have something to give. As young as you are you have something to give in your own little way. This way we help in the growth of the Church. We all are important.

Lord, make me an instrument of your work!

Romans 12: 5-16ab / Psalms 131: 1bcd. 2. 3 / Luke 14: 15-24

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbour has fulfilled the law.

Romans 13:8

Wednesday November 8

THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

From the Old Testament to the New, the greatest law God has given men is to love God and one's neighbor; But what does it mean to love one's neighbor? Can you try on your own to say or write down what it means for you to love your neighbor? This will be for you today the challenge that will put you in the way of loving your neighbor!

Lord, help me to love and to be there for my brothers and Sisters.

Romans 13: 8-10 / Psalms 112: 1b-2, 4-5, 9 / Luke 14: 25-33

Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market.

John 2:16

Thursday

November 9

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME, FEAST

There is no doubt that you know about how one must behave in the house of God. But there is also another place that we must respect and care for, because it is also the temple of God, and Saint Paul talks about that in 1 Corinthians (1co 6:19); that place is the body. Did you know that your body is the temple of God? If God dwells in you then you must behave and take care of your body in every way.



I myself am satisfied about you, my brethren, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, and able to instruct one another.

Romans 15: 14

Friday

November 10

SAINT LEO THE GREAT, POPE AND DOCTOR

It's always a source of pleasure and pride, and even a blessing for parents or relatives when a child is appreciated because of his character or behavior. Anyone who receives appreciation searches to keep up in doing well. To be filled with knowledge and kindness is a source of happiness for oneself and for those around us. There is joy in giving happiness to others.

Lord Jesus, fount of all joy and goodness, fill my heart with your presence

Romans 15: 14-21 / Psalms 98: 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4 / Luke 16: 1-8

“He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much...”

Luke 16:10

Saturday

November 11

SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP

Have you ever heard about the proverb which says: “He who steals an egg will steal an ox” meaning “Petty crime will eventually lead to felonies”? But on the contrary he who is faithful in a small thing will be entrusted to take care of much more because he has shown loyalty. As young as you are now, you can cultivate the sense of faithfulness and loyalty; these are values that you must uphold as a Christian and child of God. Let these values grow within you.

Thank you Lord for helping me to become a child with good morals.

‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’
“Watch therefore, for you know neither the
day nor the hour”

Matthew 25: 13

Sunday

November 12

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

To be always ready, to learn to be always on time, this is what today’s verse teaches us. Promptness is a virtue that is learned from a very young age. If we do not know how to prepare ourselves to be ready for the events of life, we may also not be able to prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus. To be ready in faith, in spiritual life, means always keeping one’s habits of prayer, of reading the word of God, of kindness towards others, of gratitude, of obedience.



Wisdom 6: 12-16 / Psalms 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b) / 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
/ **Matthew 25: 1-13**

"If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this sycamine tree, 'Be rooted up, and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

Luke 17:6

Monday

November 13



THIRTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's verse tells us about the power of faith. Faith compared to a sycamine seed means that it is often difficult to have a solid faith; Sometimes we are easily discouraged when trials of life come in, and we quickly lose faith in God. Jesus is telling us that, if we still manage to keep faith despite difficulties that come, despite challenges of life, we will be winners. Do you have faith in God?

Lord, I believe in you, please increase my faith!

Those who trust in him will understand the truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love.....

Wisdom 2: 9

Tuesday November 14

THIRTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Trusting in God has always been a challenge for Christians. Especially when moments of trials come, when we feel left alone, when we don't understand what is going on. At your age you may not experience complicated situations which may challenge your faith. You are actually in good hands in your way of faith. What you need to learn today is that it can happen to experience lack of faith in Christian life. The important thing is not to abandon faith, but remain faithful, because by being faithful, the Lord joins us in our frailty.

Come Lord and strengthen my faith!

Wisdom 2: 23- 3: 9 / Psalms 34: 2-3. 16-17. 18-19 / Luke 17: 7-10

“Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ... “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

Luke 17:18-19

Wednesday November 15

THIRTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's verse can inspire us about the three magical words that are very important to use frequently in our relationship with others and even with God: “thank you”, “sorry”, “please”. Always say thank you, for any little gesture of kindness or love towards you; always say sorry when you realize that you have offended someone unknowingly, say please when inquiring about something and even when asking for help. These three magic words are an attitude of politeness, and fraternal charity.

Lord, in your mercy teach me to always be grateful!

Wisdom 6: 1-11 / Psalms 82: 3-4, 6-7 / **Luke 17: 11-19**

“The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed... The kingdom of God is in your midst”

Luke 17:20-21

Thursday November 16

THIRTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

The expression “kingdom of God” is quite often complex to grasp. For you, at your level, you can understand the Kingdom of God as the place where God lives, in heaven the first place, where there are no wars, no one is mean to each other, no one is sad or unhappy, everyone is happy! But the verse also says that God is also in our midst, and we are called to build an environment where everyone can feel his presence.



Wisdom 7: 22b- 8: 1 / Psalms 119: 89. 90. 91. 130. 135. 175 / **Luke 17: 20-25**

Whoever seeks to gain his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life will preserve it.

Luke 17: 33

Friday

November 17

THIRTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

What can I do for the love of Jesus and his Gospel? I am aware that I am a child but I can do something. Is there a children's association in my parish or community? Altar boys, children's choir? Missionary Childhood Association? These are some places where I can dedicate myself as Christ's disciple, and express my faith.

Jesus my Shepherd, I will follow you.

And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry
to him day and night?

Luke 18:7

Saturday November 18

THIRTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

God knows his. They are dearly in his eyes. He can't abandon them! Any cry, any prayer from the bottom of the heart is heard by God, as a child is never forsaken by his parents when he cries, so does God towards us; all that he wants from us, is our perseverance in faith, our trust in Him. Just as you trust your parents, Trust God.

Lord, thank you for loving me and listening to my prayer.

Wisdom 18: 14-16; 19: 6-9 / Psalms 105: 2-3. 36-37. 42-43 / **Luke 18: 1-8.**

So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let

us keep awake and be sober.

1 Thessalonians: 5: 6

Sunday

November 19

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As a child, staying awake and being sober, simply means making useful your time; being vigilant in faith and prayer, (being faithful to your daily prayer for example), to abstain from some behaviors or some things which waste your time unnecessarily for instance; staying under the TV very late at night, or playing video games hours and hours while forgetting to revise. It is certain that by engaging too much in these kinds of practices, you become less vigilant.

Lord, help me to manage my time well
and to do things that please you!

Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31 / Psalms 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5 / **1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6**
/ Matthew 25: 14-30

“Jesus Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Luke 18:38

Monday

November 20



THIRTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

A blind man calls upon Jesus to save him, and Jesus will do so. But there is another blindness which is worse, it is called “spiritual blindness”. May the Lord put within us a great light that we would get rid of all the darkness built inside of us and see God’s beauty, especially the love He has for each one of us.



1 Maccabees 1: 10-15. 41-43. 54-57. 62-63 / Psalms 119: 53. 61. 134. 150. 155.
158 / **Luke 18:35-43**

For the son of man came to seek and save
the lost.

Luke 19: 10

Tuesday

November 21

PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This verse tells us an important thing in our journey as children of God. No one is perfect, we all need salvation, and no one should judge the others, we all need God's mercy. Indeed the verse alludes to the Pharisees and beyond all those who consider themselves pure and others as sinners, that they are mistaken. And yet Jesus offers his forgiveness and his peace to those who recognize themselves as fragile, those who open up to him and welcome him. How do you position yourself today in relation to this word?

Lord thank you for your mercy and
forgiveness.

"I tell you that to everyone who has will more be given; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away."

Luke 19: 26



Wednesday November 22

SAINT CECILIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

Today's verse might sound unfair to you.

It should be the other way, meaning in human understanding, something should be given to the one who has nothing, and to the one who has already, nothing should be added. Except that God doesn't see things as we see them. To each one of us, God gave talents. However, there are those who do not put their gifts or skills at the service of God and others. God wants us to be generous in sharing our gifts and talents.

Thank you Lord for the gifts you
have given me!

2 Maccabees 7: 1. 20-31 / Psalms 17: 1bcd. 5-6. 8b and 15 / **Luke 19: 11-28**

As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it.

Luke 19:41

Thursday

November 23

THIRTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus wept! How do you feel about that?

Imagine Jesus, son of God weeping! Jesus wept because he had pity on that city, he wept because of the hardness of hearts, as he brought peace to the inhabitants of that city and they missed to welcome and acknowledge it. Imagine your mom or your dad weeping because of your behavior! That might be very uncomfortable for you! It happens that some children's behaviors will make their parents cry. Don't let that happen, as far as you are a child full of the fear of God. Keep the ways of the Lord.

Lord, keep me going astray from your ways!

1 Maccabees 2: 15-29 / Psalms 50: 1b-2. 5-6. 14-15 / **Luke 19: 41-44**

'My house shall be a house of prayer'.

Luke 19: 46

Friday

November 24

SAINT ANDREW DUNG-LAC, PRIEST AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

You may pay attention that in your school every morning, before joining class, there is a gathering in the quadrangle to sing the national anthem before the big flagpole where the national flag will hang up. This is a way for the citizens to give due respect to the whole nation and to the foreparents who gave their lives for independence. More than a national flag, our churches and chapels should be respected because they are holy places and houses of God. They are made only for prayer and adoration.



1 Maccabees 4: 36-37. 52-59 / 1 Chronicles. 29: 10bcd. 11abc.11d-12a. 12bcd
/ Luke 19: 45-48

I know that it is because of this that these evils have come upon me; and behold, I am perishing of deep grief in a strange land.

1 Maccabees 6: 13

Saturday

November 25

THIRTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

“Confession of a fault is half amended”, says the proverb. King Antiochus is confessing his misdeeds, he has discerned and he recognized his mistakes. The one who recognizes his mistakes and confesses them, is not only humble but also great. The first step towards conversion is recognizing one's faults and confessing them. Are you humble enough to recognize your mistakes and ask for pardon? If you are, then you are on the right track. Don't be afraid of telling the truth. Punishment lasts for a few minutes, but guilt can make you very sick for long.

Lord help me to acknowledge my mistakes and ask for your forgiveness

1 Maccabees 6: 1-13 / Psalms 9: 2-3. 4 and 6. 16 and 19 / Luke 20: 27-40

‘Truly I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.’

Matthew 25: 46

Sunday

November 26

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Children are of special attention to Jesus “as you did it not to one of the least of these”... “Let children come to me”...A child symbolizes fragility, and what is fragile must be consolidated and protected. You must feel rather confident because Jesus tells you that he takes care of you, and he asks to take care of you. But you too, can take care of someone else! Not by doing great deeds, but simply by being available to help, to be of service.

Thank you Jesus for Loving me!

Ezekiel 14: 11-12. 15-17/ Psalms 23: 1-2. 2-3. 5-6 (1) / 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26. 28 / **Matthew 25: 31-46**

‘Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them...she out of her poverty put in all the living that she had’

Luke 21:3-4

Monday

November 27

THIRTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Giving all of oneself, is an act of dedication to a cause that might be very important; it is an act of selflessness and even of love. A Saint of the name Therese of Lisieux said: “Loving Is Giving Everything Away” You may say you have nothing to give; it is not necessary about giving something material like this widow; It can be your dedication to studies aiming for excellence; it can be your commitment to house chores, the point is to do something with all your heart, giving the best of yourself!

Lord Jesus I give all of me to you!

As for these things which you see, the days will come when there shall not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.

Luke 21:6

Tuesday

November 28

THIRTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus speaks of the destruction of the temple, which some were admiring. Human constructions end up deteriorating, either over time, either due to bad weather, wars etc. This verse is a challenge for us to be builders rather than destroyers. Violence destroys, but peace and understanding build up life. May the Lord give us his Spirit of peace and make us peace builders and peace makers.

Lord Jesus, make me an instrument of your peace.

By your endurance you will gain your lives..

Luke 21:19

Wednesday November 29

THIRTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

A philosopher by the name Jean Jacques Rousseau thought endurance was the single most important life skill to teach children:

“Endurance and to be able to endure is the first lesson a child should learn because it is the one they will most need to know,” he said. Endurance is needed in every area of life, from school, to work, to family. The most important thing you need to learn about endurance is, not giving up on something till you get it done properly.



Daniel 5: 1-6. 13-14. 16-17. 23-28 / Daniel 3: 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67/ **Luke 21: 12-19**

Follow me I will make you fishers of men.

Matthew 4: 19

Thursday

November 30

SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE

“To fish a man” is obviously a metaphor. Jesus uses it in the sense that he wanted to make his followers disciples. To be a “fisher of men” means again to bring someone to faith, to help him to love Jesus; and of course by telling him about Jesus Christ. To talk about Jesus to someone who doesn’t know Him, means you need to know Jesus. Would you be able to say who Jesus is to you, and talk about him to your friends who are not believers?

Lord, here I am, make me a fisher of men!

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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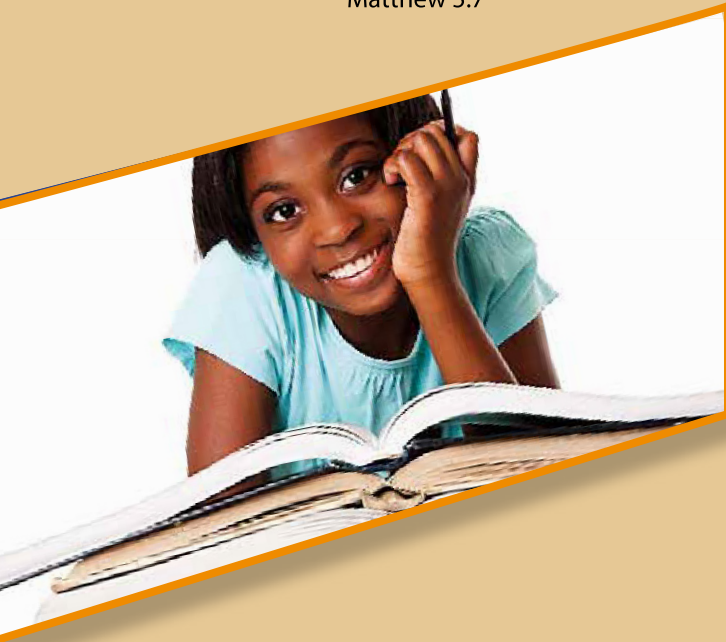
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**“Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown
mercy.”**

Matthew 5:7



**“A good smile shows
how happy the soul is.”**

African proverb