

Confidence in our Father, God

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The sacred readings of this day speak to us of a central theme in our Christian faith, confidence in our God, the Father!

The prophet Jeremiah says to us that “If the Lord is at my side and therefore my persecutors cannot defeat me.” The entire Sacred Scripture speaks to us of faith in God, of which is the base of our faith in Him.

Our God is a faithful God. His love and fidelity remain forever. In Him there is not change, He is not inconstant like the weathervane that is carried by the wind. His Word counts. His Word is Eternal. The verb is the YES of the Father. His Word is positive, optimistic; it gives us happiness!

Psalm 68 leads us in a prayer of petition and praise, remembering the Savior that saved us and responds to us according to his great kindness and because He is faithful in helping!

On the other hand, the Apostle Paul in the letter to the Romans speaks to us of the overabundance of Grace for the whole of humanity through the Lord’s will that he gave to us through his Son, Jesus Christ from the same moment of the Creation, from the very moment of the fall of Adam. God is loyal to his creatures, therefore where sin abounds, He floods us with his love and mercy by sending to us his Son Jesus Christ so that in Him all the humanity is saved to the point of Omega, to the fullness of the Grace that is to say to the full participation of the divine life, in a generous and free way, only because God our Father is thus, generous and omnipotent; because He loves us and He can do all. Therefore San Pablo says that we know in whom we have placed our Confidence, in the God Who is good and full of kindness, but besides the Almighty.

From the Gospel of Saint Matthew, we find this conclusion, that in we remove every fear from our lives. Don’t fear, says Jesus because our Father loves us more than the birds of the field. And if He takes care of them, how much more does he care for all of you, that He knows how many hairs we have on our heads and neither one falls without his consent! He takes care of us; He has a sweet Providence with each

one of us. It is in such a way that Saint Paul says that all things that happen to us are for our benefit, even the most painful or negative, according to our criteria.

Above all else, we will say: If God is with us, who can be against us? As Paul says, who will be able to set us aside from the love of Christ? Nothing, no power, nor any situation or pain!

Our answer today, beloved brothers and sisters, cannot be any another, to put your life in the hands of God, our Father! With an attitude of faith and confidence, of constant prayer and humility, because we know that God loves us and is going to take care of each one of us each day, during both good and bad times. Work hard to become better each day, try to live a holy life with a lot of love for all humanity, our brothers & sister and children of God, like us, but know that the final results will depend on the Almighty. They will be the best results, they will be most agreeable to us, because our God, the Father, is faithful in his love and mercy toward us!

That when bad happens to us, such as an accident, an illness, the loss of a job or a loved-one, and we ask ourselves: Why? These are things that happen because of our human condition. We are weak, mortal, we are in transit to eternity, and nevertheless because we commit errors and sometimes do bad things that we don't want to because of insinuation and temptation by evil.

Then we should remember, each day, constantly, that the Lord of life and of history, He is our Father and cares for us with his Providence, a care which is full of love with no limits, and that all things work together for good for those that love God!

What rest, what great comfort! Why be worried, by walk afflicted and sad of nervous? On the contrary, He delivers us into the hands of the Savior and we walk light, free, and happy because He walks at our side and cares for us!

To finish with an anecdote: a person prayed to God one day complaining about some very hard tests that had touched his life, alone he had seen two footprints, and demanded to know from God where had He been and why had He left him during the time of suffering? God replied to him that the two footprints that he had seen were the footprints of Jesus that carried him safely in his arms like a father or mother carries a small child in their arms!

So it is. Amen. Hallelujah!