

Sunday, July 24, 2022
The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1) Genesis 18:20-32
- 2) Colossians 2:12-14
- 3) Luke 11:1-13

FOCUS: Knock and keep knocking; trust God's goodness and don't give up.

Why does the man in Jesus' prayer illustration keep knocking? Two reasons: He knows his friend heard him; he knows this friend has bread. Why should we pray without giving up? We know God hears our prayers and that he is able to provide for us. When we keep seeking him and knocking, we show trust in his faithfulness.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Abraham intercedes for Sodom and Gomorrah, asking the Lord to save the city if even 10 righteous people are found there. Paul writes to the Colossians and encourages them to trust the grace of baptism to take away sins and give life. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray. He tells them to ask, seek, and knock.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Jesus encouraged his followers to ask, seek, and knock. Trusting in God's goodness, let us offer our prayers this day.

- 1) For the Pilgrim Church on earth, may God help us to readily forgive others and joyfully seek his kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For elected officials and policymakers, may God grant them integrity in protecting all who are vulnerable, especially the poor, the elderly, and the unborn, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those trapped in sin or addiction, may God give them faith and hope, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For our family of faith, may the Lord's faithfulness help us continue in prayer, trusting God to answer in his time, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died trusting God's mercy, may he reward them with everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, you provide generously for your children. Please hear and answer our prayers this day in your wisdom, through your Son, Jesus Christ.