

Daily Word of Life

July of 2018

01	Sun	St. Peter and St. Paul - "You are the Messiah, the son of the living God." (Mt 16: 13-19)
02	Mon 2Cor 12,9	The/my grace is enough for you; for it is in weakness that force is fully realized. Paul speaks to us in this sentence of a particular ordeal that accompanies him and torments him continually. Have you stopped to think how you have been dealing with the adversities of life? Do you face them or adopt a victim stance?
03	Tue Jn 20: 24-29 St Tomé, Apostle	Blessed are those who believed without seeing. The lie can do some good for a short time, but soon it will become an evil. We see people who give up vices, people who promote good or give their lives to save others, and for centuries witness to the resurrection because they believed the Word. Only Good does this, because it is true. Whoever believes in the One who is Love knows how to hear his voice and grows in faith and wisdom, fruit of his presence among us. Let's believe in Love.
04	Wed Am 5: 14-15. 21-24	Seek good, not evil, to have more life. Stop to do evil is very good, but it is not enough for a person to perform. It is fundamental to do good. And we can do that today. We can forgive, help, give, share. There are no lack of occasions. What is lacking is sometimes will and initiative. Doing good depends on our personal decision. It's possible. We are capable of loving. Let's do good.
05	Thu Mt 9, 1-8	Courage, son, your sins are forgiven. The first step the paralytic took was not with the physical legs, but with the soul. He believed. Moved by faith and carried by others, he presented himself with his deficiency. The lack of forgiveness paralyzes life. There come times when we need to ask for help to reach out to God and others and make the sincere experience of forgiveness. Closed, limited thoughts of "teachers of the law" never heal anyone. Courage! We can take steps. Let's live the forgiveness.
06	Fri Mt 9, 9-13 St. Maria Goretti	Follow me. Julião, having passed through the prison, arrived at the Fazenda da Esperança and sought to live the Gospel. With small gestures he was willing to serve and help. He began to rise before the others to pray for the young men in recovery. A seminarian renewed his vocation and many changed their lives for the testimony of this young man who, often feeling like the last, followed Jesus. Juliao died in an accident in June 1989. His yes and so many others remain. The mistakes of the past can not hinder our "yes" to God. Love is always worth more. Say yes to good.
07	Sat Mt 9, 14-17	Renew yourself. "Our spirituality makes us optimistic. Is there room for pessimism with such love of God in us? Is not joy and contentment perhaps the fruit of charity? ... Optimism makes us bold. We walked with joy where others would be afraid to walk. We have immediately accepted what others considered very modest." (Santo Eugênio Mazenod, O.M.I.)
08	Sun	XIV Sunday of Ordinary Time - "Is not this man the carpenter, son of Mary ...?" (Mk 6: 1-6)
09	Mon 2 Cor 12,9	My grace is enough for you; for it is in weakness that strength is fully realized. The most important for us, however, is the lesson Paul took from this ordeal. He sees in her an effective antidote against any danger of spiritual pride. But, above all, he discovers a great value in her. Probation - especially when it reveals our weakness - is the space in which and through which the power of God's grace is manifested in all its fullness.
10	Tue Mt 9, 32-38	Ask the Lord to send you vocations. Many do not experience Love and die in addiction and suffering for lack of courageous people who consecrate their lives to do good. We have a request: could you at any time, today, ask God to send vocations to our Work and to the whole Church? It will be a day to "bother" Heaven with our prayers. Let's ask and trust.
11	Wed Mt 10, 1-7 S. Bento	Announce: the Kingdom of Heaven is near. One way of announcing that Heaven is near is by living the oneness. Fraternal life, with Jesus in the midst, is the favorable environment for expelling evils and curing diseases. The first place from which we must cast out evil to become "Kingdom of Heaven" is within us. We can drive out: selfishness, sharing; laziness, giving us away; indifference, helping; the deepest evils ... forgiving. When we live together, the environment around us becomes a little piece of paradise. Let's create a supportive, loving environment.
12	Thu Os 11, 1-4. 8c-9	My heart burns with compassion. When we are indifferent to Love, we face the terror of our own miseries. Anger, grief, ingratitude, selfishness, and so many other negative things spoil life. Life changes when we are able to have compassion and forgive. Let us renew with the people, in love, the bonds of humanity. When there is compassion, the heart has joy. Let's have compassion.
13	Fri Mt 10, 16-23 St. Henrique	Anyone who perseveres to the end will be saved. It is an announcement that is not made with speeches, but with fidelity, in the midst of suffering and pain. Certain challenges require more than our will power, which ends. We need a much greater force that can sustain us forever. Those who enter the adventure of love will find the "wolves" of injustice and persecution, but will also find the testimony of so many who believe and give their lives to radiate good. Love goes beyond pain. Let's carry on loving.
14	Sat Mt 10, 24- 33 S. Camilo de Lellis	Do not be afraid. "This imprisonment is a true hell: ... cruel punishments of every kind, such as fetters and bandages, ... hatred, vengeance, slander, indecent words, quarrels, perverse acts, unjust oaths, curses, and finally anguish and sorrow In the midst of these tortures, which would terrify anyone, by the grace of God I am full of joy and joy, because I am not alone, but Christ is with me In the middle from the storm, I cast the anchor that will allow me to ascend to the throne of God: the living hope that is in my heart." (Paul Le-Bao-Thin, Martyr, Vietnam, † 1857)
15	Sun	XV Sunday of Common Time - "Jesus called the twelve, and began to send them two by two." (Mark 6: 7-13)
16	Mon 2 Cor 12,9	My grace is enough; for it is in weakness that strength is fully realized. When we live in the light of faith, every kind of trial sometimes blocks and troubles us, afflicts or humbles us because each of us may be subject to suffering that limits aspirations , the desires, the projects. Let us seek to see this suffering as an expression of the love of God that purifies us.
17	Tue Mt 11, 20-24 By. Inácio of Azevedo and Companions	Recognize the miracles. The whiteness of good can open our lives to be better people when we accept them. When we are closed, when we do not want to give, forgive, live the unity, slowly we become sad, bitter, vengeful, selfish and petty people. A closed life to love is an experience of hell. Recognizing the good opens the heart, renews the joy and causes miracles. Our life, when it opens, rather than pull us out of hell, opens Heaven to us. We know that negative things exist, but we believe in love. Open up to the good.
18	Wed Mt 11, 25-27	... You have revealed to the little ones. There is a wisdom that is not born of books, training, information or even of age. It is the wisdom born of the relationship with God. It is not based on complicated things, but in daily life with the brothers, in prayer, listening and practice of the Word, in the gestures of love; is born of small and great encounters with Him, in unity and in pain. It is accessible to young, old, poor, rich, educated or not, and manifests itself to all who are willing to love. Let's seek wisdom.
19	Thu Mt 11, 28-30	Come to me, all you who are weary. There are overloads that do us harm and become a pain for us and for those who live with us. Having a balanced life is an act of love. Our balance is in Him, which is the remedy, health, food, relief and rest. Who loves loves health, food, healthy relationships, can share pleasant moments of leisure, among many things. He who loves is nourished by him who is the source of love. "Love is the health of the soul" ¹ . 1 São João da Cruz
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	Is 38, 1-6.21-22.7-8	I heard your prayer, I saw your tears. There are painful moments that we can only bear united, immersed, in that which is Love, the only Good. Sufferings also reach the strongest, most joyful and fulfilled. But our life, the greatest miracle that God has done on earth, is to love. Jesus on the cross is not reduced to pain. He, the abandoned, is love. Those who suffer should be seen as a precious gift to all. Let us offer to God the sorrows of today for those who suffer. Let's offer the sorrows.
21	Sat Mt 12, 14-21 S. Lourenço de Brindise	I will put my spirit upon him. "The Holy Spirit is the soul's guide. Without Him nothing can be ... Those who are led by the Holy Spirit have just ideas A Christian who is led by the Holy Spirit has no difficulty leaving the goods of this world and running after the goods of Heaven. He knows how to make a difference. . For one who lets himself be led by the Holy Spirit, it seems that the world does not exist. For the world, it seems that there is no God." (St. John Mary Vianney)
22	Sun	XVI Sunday of the common time-" And he had compassion, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. " (Mark 6: 30-34)
23	Mon 2 Cor 12,9	My grace is enough for you; for it is in weakness that the strength fully happens. The trial makes us more and more conscious of our nothingness and shows more clearly to others that everything that exists of good or of generous in us - a council, an act of generosity, an effective witness, a captivating way of exposing God.
24	Tue Mk 7,14-15.18-20	He will cast all our sins to the bottom of the sea. Our life, even as a history full of mistakes, can change. Spending energies renewing regrets for the mistakes of the past never solves anyone's problem. Whoever has the courage to cast out the evils of the soul, giving them up to God, experiences the grace of feeling free, loved, and capable of loving. Free yourself from the evils of the past.
25	Wed Mt 20, 20-28 S. Tiago, Apóstolo	Whoever wants to become great, become your servant. Evangelical authority is in love that does good. Whoever has a power conquered by force, money, or even by intelligence and abilities, is afraid of being overcome and overcome. St. Francis of Assisi and Mother Tereza were poor, and had authority before kings and presidents. We can serve by welcoming, cleaning, helping in the works, but most of all seeing Jesus in his brother. The one who loves reigns. Let's serve with joy.
26	Thu Eclo 44, 1.10-15 S. Joaquim e Santa Ana	Your gestures of kindness will not be forgotten. It's lovely to see the love relationship between grandparents and grandchildren. Jesus, who had a family on earth, also had grandparents. Today we remember the grandparents of Him and ours. How would each of us like to be remembered in the future? What are the positive memories we have of those who have left? Our life here is very brief, but it is possible and beautiful to go through it doing good. In our prayers, let us remember the elderly and our grandparents, living and deceased. Let's have gestures of kindness.
27	Fri Mt 13, 18-23	The seed fell on good soil. Good seed produces well when the soil is favorable for planting. What kind of earth is our heart? A heart trampled, abused, hardened, full of "stones," sufferings, rages? Are you suffocated by fear, uncontrolled desires or exaggerated concerns? Or is it a heart from which stones, thorns, harshness, and filthiness are taken away? Is he ready to receive the Word, put it into practice and bear fruit? What earth is your heart? Prepare the earth of the heart.
28	Sat Jr 7, 1-11	Improve your conduct and your works. "Love must always be present and penetrate all personal relationships: especially those who have the duty to provide for the good of the people. Nourish in themselves and ignite charity in others, be them great or small. Salvation must be primarily the fruit of an outpouring of charity; we mean to say that Christian charity which contains the whole Gospel in itself and which, always ready to sacrifice itself for its neighbor, is the safest antidote to the pride and selfishness of the century." (C. of the Social Doctrine of the Church, 581)
29	Sun	XVII Common Time Sunday - "Here is a boy with five loaves and two fish". (John 6: 1-5)
30	Mon 2 Cor 12,9	My grace is enough; for it is in weakness that the strength fully happens. Nothing better than our weakness to manifest that "the strength" that works in us does not come from ourselves, but from Christ. Never lose faith, it is in the grace of God that we can face and overcome diversities. This makes us strong and reaffirms the certainty that He is with us.
31	Tue Mt 13, 36-46 Sto. Inácio de Loyola	The good seed are those that belong to the Kingdom. The tares, like the wheat when it is small, continue to grow vertically, because its stem is empty. The wheat, which has the grains, begins to hang because of its weight. The practice of evil creates an empty and meaningless life. It is appearance. Good, because it is communion, is able to lean with the weight of life, to offer what has the most precious. When the spike of wheat, ripe and golden, shines in the sun, it is ready to give itself for food. Let's give good.

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