

Daily Word of Life

November of 2018

01	Thu Eph 6: 10-20	Put on the armor of God. The armor was used in battles to protect the body from enemy blows. In life, we try to protect ourselves with the weak armor of aggressive reactions, complex, exhibitionism, lack, authoritarianism, etc. The armor of God's love seems fragile because it shows us how we are, our weaknesses, gifts, difficulties and beauty. However, it has a unique strength, capable of withstanding and overcoming the most terrible blows of life's battles. Faith, truth, love, forgiveness, gratitude, prayer, good works ... make up a splendid armor. <i>Dress in kindness.</i>
02	Fri Mt 5, 1-12a All the faithful that passed away	For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. In God there are no living and dead, for in Him all live. The beatitudes, the happiness we can expect from Heaven are built with attitudes of eternity, acts of love, here on earth. Today, we do not honor the dead, but we celebrate lives that are in God, in eternity. It is a very good day for reviewing attitudes, recomposing relationships, expressing love to people who live with us. It is good to remember that this physical life passes quickly. <i>Live Heaven, loving today.</i>
03	Sat Fl 1, 18b-26 St. Martinho of Lima	To live is Christ. "Believe: God is in you! If you knew who you carry in you! If, through Him, you would leave everything ... If you loved him with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your might! ... God will be everything to you in a few years, as soon as this short life passes! Throw yourself into Him. So many beautiful things exist on earth! More beautiful is God!" (Chiara Lubich, Ideal and Light, page 97)
04	Sun	Solemnity of All Saints - "Your reward in heaven will be great." (Mc 5, 1-12)
05	Mon Ap 3.20	Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into his house and eat the meal, I and him and he with me. [...] "Open the doors to Christ." It is an invitation to open our hearts to Him who alone can make you overflow with joy. The image of "supper with two" means this: the abundance of joy and all the good that springs from the union with God.
06	Tue Fl 2,5-11 St. Félix	Have the same sentiment of Christ Jesus among you. He emptied himself, gave himself and proclaimed with his own life the fulfillment of the Father's love. The way of life marked by his presence among us removes from our midst the selfishness, judgments and attitudes of arrogance and superiority. When relationships are driven by clean, authentic feelings, fruits of God's presence, the environment, life, and each person become visible signs of God's love. <i>Relate well with everyone.</i>
07	Wed Lk 14, 25-33	Carry the cross and follow Jesus. It is not possible to follow Jesus without embracing the cross. It is normal to want to get away from the pain. And we do not love pain, but the one who is present in every pain. Crosses always come, in difficulties, in incomprehension, in losses, in failures, in fatigue, in sickness among so many. And in each of them we can say. "Jesus. You are present in this pain. I want you". <i>Embrace the difficulties.</i>
08	Thu Lk 15: 1-10 Blessed John Duns Scotus	There will be joy for one sinner who converts. The Gospel helps us to change our lives. Because of the Word of God, those who are explosive can begin to be patient and treat others well; whoever planned revenge becomes capable of forgiving; the lazy one becomes involved in the work and to help; the selfish one begins to give and to distribute; whoever did evil becomes capable of saving lives. We can start over, improving our way of thinking and acting. <i>Review negative attitudes and change.</i>
09	Fri Jn 2,13-22 Basilica of St John of the Lateran	The zeal for your house will consume me. Today we remember the first material church built so that the ancient Christians could gather. Why remember that? Because a place that serves to announce the love of God to people is also a sign of God. Jesus loved the temple and called it the house of the Father. The buildings will pass away because they are not God, but the things of God should be cared for, respected and preserved. When we take care of His things, we are able to realize how He cares for us. <i>Let's love, care and respect.</i>
10	Sat Fl4, 10-19 St. Leo the Great, Pope	I can do all things being in him who gives me strength. "God came down to the earth only once and this time he became a man and allowed himself to be crucified! To me this thought gives me great strength to accept with joy that little cross that always accompanies us From the top of the cross says to me: '... I made everything that was mine disappear! I'm not beautiful anymore, I'm not stronger; here I have no peace; here above justice died; ... Only my Love remains, that wanted to pour out to you my riches from God." (Chiara Lubich, Ideal and Light, page 62)
11	Sun	XXXII Sunday of the Common time - "The widow, in her poverty, gave everything she had to live." (Mark 12: 38-44)
12	Mon Ap 3,20	Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into his house and eat the meal, I and him and he with me. When does Jesus speak to each of us? And how does he talk? First and foremost, it is necessary to silence the other voices, those that disturb us, that worry us and confuse us. We have to tune into the voice of God. This will be possible if we decide to love and make love our way of life.
13	Tue Tt 2,1-8.11-14 St. Diogo	Show yourself in all things an example of good works. How much is life worth? It's worth how much we love. And life passes quickly. We could now put aside the negative gaze, the regrets and complaints and spend time and energy doing good. We can give, share, forgive, start over, help, live the unity. He is happy who knows how to love and make the other happy. We have a life alone and it is worth living it well. Witness the good.
14	Wed Lk 17: 11-19	Give thanks. Seeking people only when you need something of them reveals an inner life with little love, with wounds and blockages. Those who are free inwardly have gratitude. Gratitude generates joy and is therapeutic. We know people who, even in sickness and pain, found motives to smile and thank. How about saying "thank you" to people and to God in every circumstance of this day? <i>Give thanks.</i>
15	Thu Lk 17: 20-25 St. Albert Magno	The Kingdom of God is among you. The Kingdom of God is communion and we recognize it through the presence of Jesus among us. It is a spiritual presence generated by unity, in the willingness to give life to one another, in the concrete acts of love and in an inner life of relationship with Him. A divided environment, without love, is a piece of hell. Unity is an expression of paradise. Live the communion, in unity.
16	Fri 2Jn 4-9 St. Gertrudes	Let us love one another. It is the truest testimony we can give. Love is not a beautiful speech. It is the act of washing another's clothes, helping someone else at work, writing a message, starting over, forgiving, overcoming a difficulty, serving, cleaning, donating, carrying, supporting, pray for someone ... see how many possibilities God gives us to love today? Love the neighbor.
17	Sat Lk 18: 1-8 St. Elizabeth of Hungary	We believe in love. "If we know by faith that God is Love, we do not usually remember it and live as if we were alone on this earth, as if there was no Father who follows our steps in everything and for everything; a Father who, if it is true that He even counts the hairs on our head, certainly knows everything about us, that he wants to make everything work for our good "(Chiara Lubich, Ideal and Light, p.)
18	Sun	XXXIII Sunday of the Common Time - "My words shall not pass away." (Mark 13: 24-32)

19	Mon Ap 3,20	Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into his house and eat the meal, I and him and he with me. [Tuned to God], we can hear His subtle voice, which cannot be confused with any other because it is the only one that transmits peace and security, which stimulates and enlightens us.
20	Tue Lk 19: 1-10	Receive Jesus with joy. Sometimes we feel unworthy because of our miseries and bad dues. We find that we are "low", small in feelings, thoughts and attitudes. To find Jesus requires the courage to expose oneself, with the limits that one has. Zacchaeus, small and unworthy, exposed himself. He welcomed Jesus, who called and treated him with love. He found that he was capable of giving, sharing and starting over. When Love becomes present, misery no longer counts. Tell us how much we can love. <i>Heal oneself by accepting the good.</i>
21	Wed Zc 2,14-17 Presentation of Mary	Rejoice, rejoice. Behold, I come to dwell in the midst of you. One of the instruments of our spirituality is the Communion of Souls. It is the moment where we share what God has done in our lives and in our souls. These moments, when done as an expression of love, generate the presence of Jesus. As we build our day and our life in unity with others, we are able to open our mouths and souls to communicate God's love to others. The one who loves communicates joy. <i>Convey joy.</i>
22	Thu Lk 19, 41-44 St. Cecilia	Recognize the time of Jesus' visit. We spend time living in the past or thinking about the future. Remembering or planning is part of life, but the time we have to live and love is today. We often let go of opportunities to do good because we are out of the present moment. The recovery is today, the change is today, the forgiveness, the restart, the initiative ... today. Jesus will present himself many times, in pain, in people and situations, today. Can we recognize him? <i>Live the present moment.</i>
23	Fri Lk 19: 45-48 St. Clemente I, Papa	My house will be a house of prayer. The relationship with God is not a trade. It's a gift. The sellers used the sacrifice offered to God for profit in the sale of animals, exchange of coins and other things. They imposed, in the name of God's law, commercial rules for forgiveness. We are temples of God. Prayer allows particular encounters, unique, with that which gives meaning to our existence. It is a gratuitous love relationship, where He surrounds us and speaks to our hearts and calls us freely to reconciliation. <i>Grow in the inner life.</i>
24	Sat Lk 20: 27-40 St. Andrew Dung-Lac and companions	For Him all live. "When someone departs for Eternal Life, we say that he 'disappeared', we consider him lost. But it is not so ... No one who enters God gets lost ... the love that our brother dedicated to us, this one endures. And God is not so generous with us, to the point of taking away what He Himself had given us in the brother. ... They live in the heavenly homeland, and through God, in whom they are, we can continue to love each other, as the Gospel teaches." (Chiara Lubich, Ideal and Luz, pp. 214)
25	Sun	Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - "Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." (Jn 18, 33b-37)
26	Mon Ap 3,20	Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into his house and eat the meal, I and him and he with me. [Sometimes we can face difficult and painful moments in which there is only darkness and silence, inside and outside of us. Moments where pure faith in His love makes us believe that He is always there, at the door and knocks. And expect from us a gesture of love.
27	Tue Lk 21: 5-11	Be careful not to be deceived. At times we are frightened and disoriented by the news that arrives, sufferings and problems that present themselves. Sometimes there are voices inside and outside of us that want to convince us that everything is lost. We should not be fooled by discouragement, despair, or other negative feelings. Hope, because it is love, always has the last word. In difficult times, it is necessary to know how to love, embrace, wait and recognize the presence of Him. <i>Hear the voice of hope.</i>
28	Wed Lk 21: 12-19	It is standing firm that you will earn a living. When we are disposed to live for good, there are also injustices, criticisms, judgments and persecutions, which want to decree our defeat. Only those who do not want to love are defeated. It may be that we have to experience years of challenges and sufferings, and moments where neither the family nor the people we love support us. But victory is reserved only for those who stand firm. With God, it's always time to start over and move on. <i>Persevere.</i>
29	Thu Lk 21: 20-28	Rise and lift your head. Your release is near. In every situation of pain, terror and distress, we can find Jesus. He, on the cross, has become all this and embracing you in these situations is a personal decision. There are pains so great that only God and the person himself know. With Him present, if we embrace Him, we experience that we are not enslaved to pain, but free. With that confidence we can raise our heads and announce that we believe in love. <i>Revive the mood.</i>
30	Fri Mt 4, 18-22 St André, Apostle	Immediately they left the nets and followed him. Who would have the courage to act like this? Andrew and the other apostles had. The meeting with Jesus brought them out of the old fishing net, the family network, the friends, the network of personal projects, and so many other networks. Before the invitations that God makes to us, in different ways, you and I can also answer "yes" having in hand a new network that spreads the good on the face of the earth. Let us be today and always, in every situation, immediate in loving. <i>Be Immediate to radiate the good.</i>

Estos comentarios son preparados, normalmente, para las meditaciones diarias de los jóvenes de la Fazenda de la Esperanza.

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