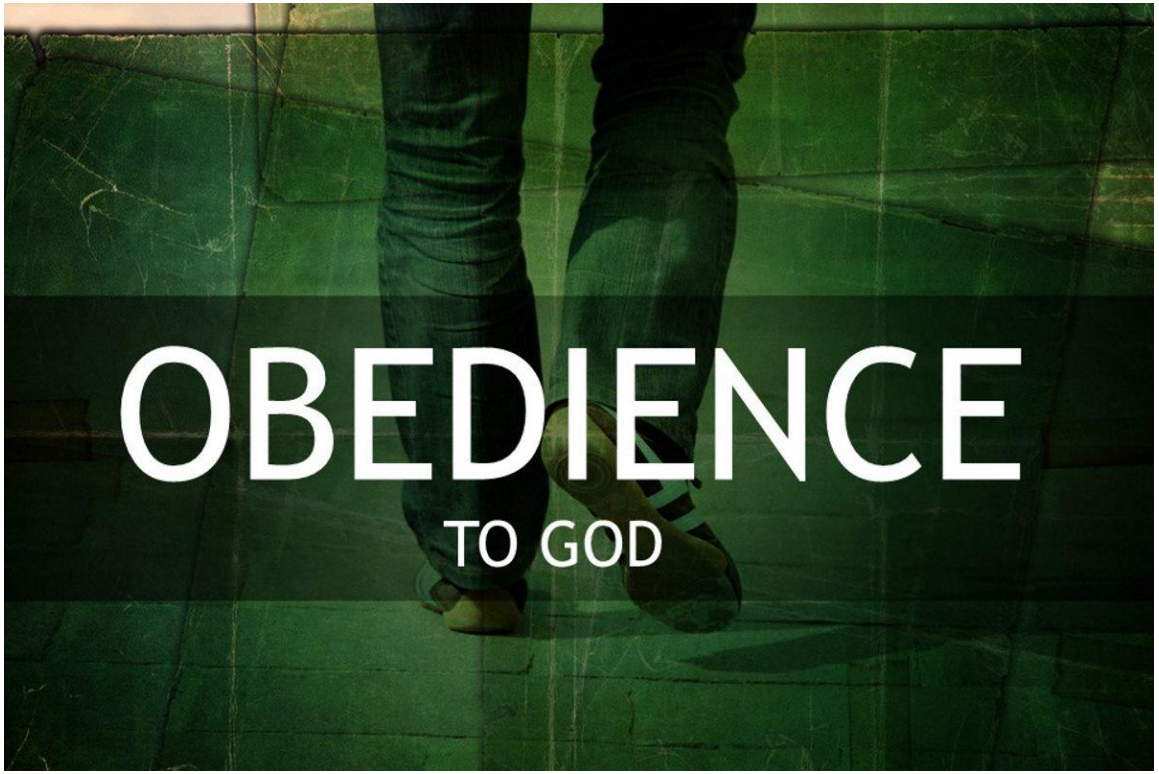
Prayer Resources Week 4 Monday 28th Sept



This Sunday's Gospel
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
(Matthew 21: 28-32)

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." And he answered, "I will not", but afterwards he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, "I go, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterwards change your minds and believe him.'

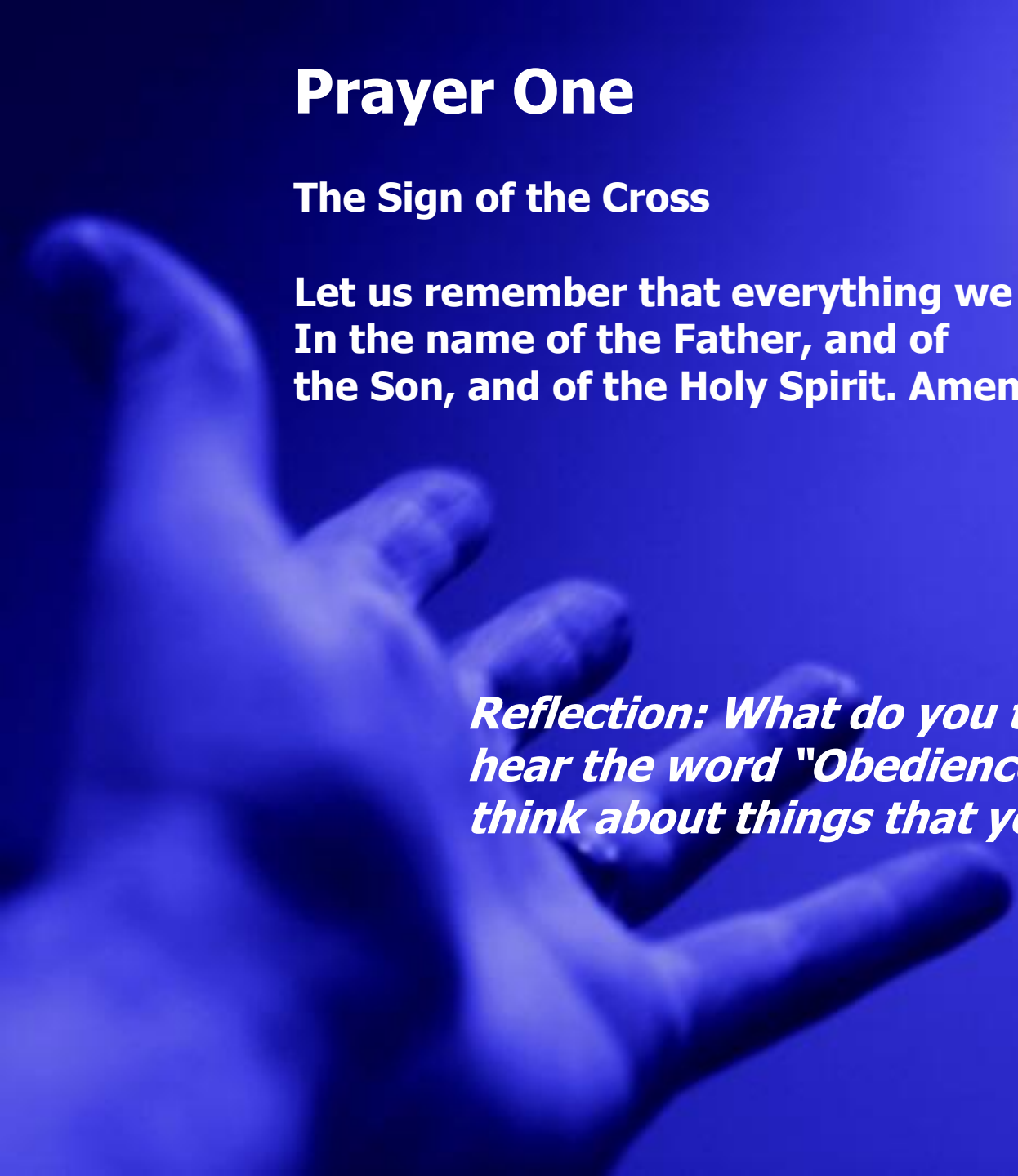


The Gospel of the Lord

Prayer One

The Sign of the Cross

**Let us remember that everything we do is
In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**



Reflection: What do you think about when you hear the word "Obedience"? Do you start to think about things that you shouldn't do?

Really though, obedience is just about making sure we are doing the things that we are meant to be doing and making sure that we are listening to the voices we should be listening to.

Or to use one of Fr Nelsons favourite phrases:
"Doing the right thing; at the right time; in the right place"

Is there anybody in your life you should be listening to who you are currently turned away from?

Is there anything you should be doing that you're currently trying to block out and push to the back of your mind?

Final Prayer

LOVING FATHER…

Help us to lovingly follow the voices we are meant to follow and help us to ignore the things trying to lead us into harm.

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.



Prayer Two

The Sign of the Cross

Let us remember that everything we do is
In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Reflection: ***In the Church's calendar at this time, we celebrate six different saints and groups of saints. The martyrs of Sussex, St. Therese, St. Jerome, the Archangels and one of our house patrons, St. Francis of Assisi.***



Do you know the stories of any of these saints? You may not know all about these Saints, but they are up there in heaven praying for you.

They lived to give us an example to follow, that's why its good to find out more about their lives, and they pray for us from heaven as we go through the struggles of life.

Everybody in heaven is a saint. The people declared as Saints by the Church make up only a tiny fraction. We refer to them all as *the Communion of Saints*!



Final Prayer

LOVING FATHER…

You raise up saints to honour you and to do your work, and you listen to their prayers in heaven as they intercede for us.

May we be strengthened by their prayers and may we live to follow their example.

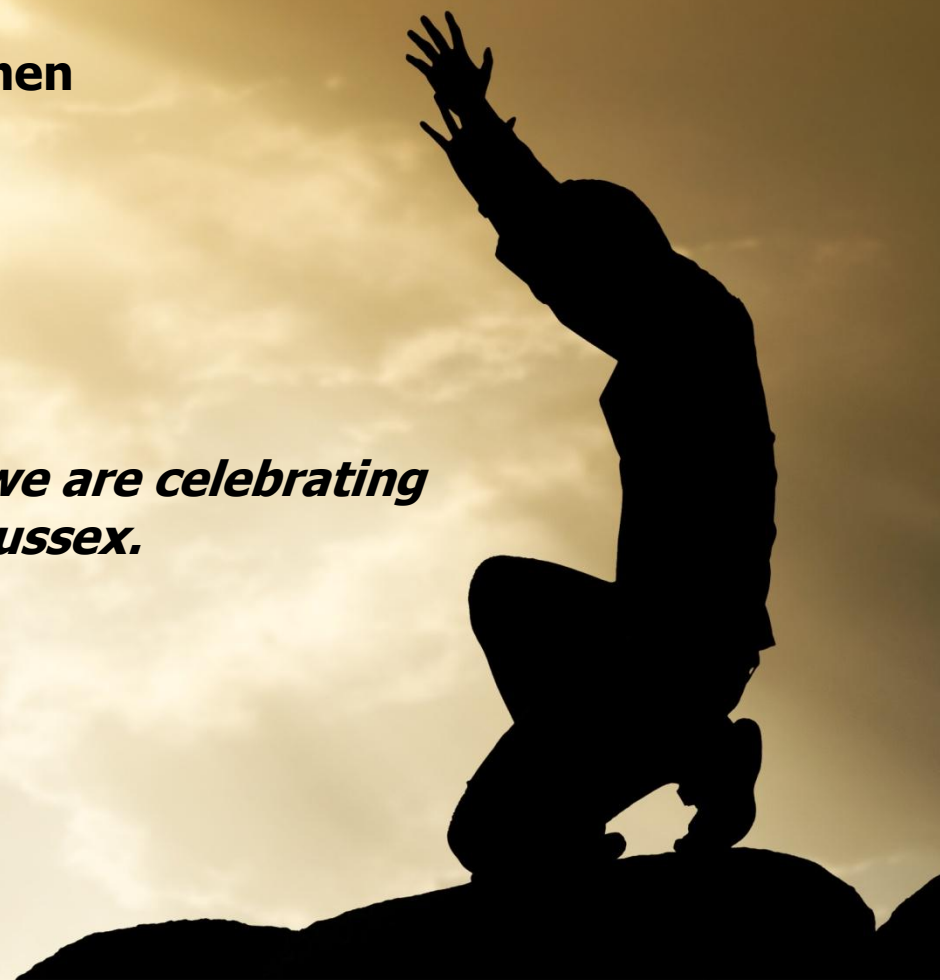
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Prayer Three

The Sign of the Cross

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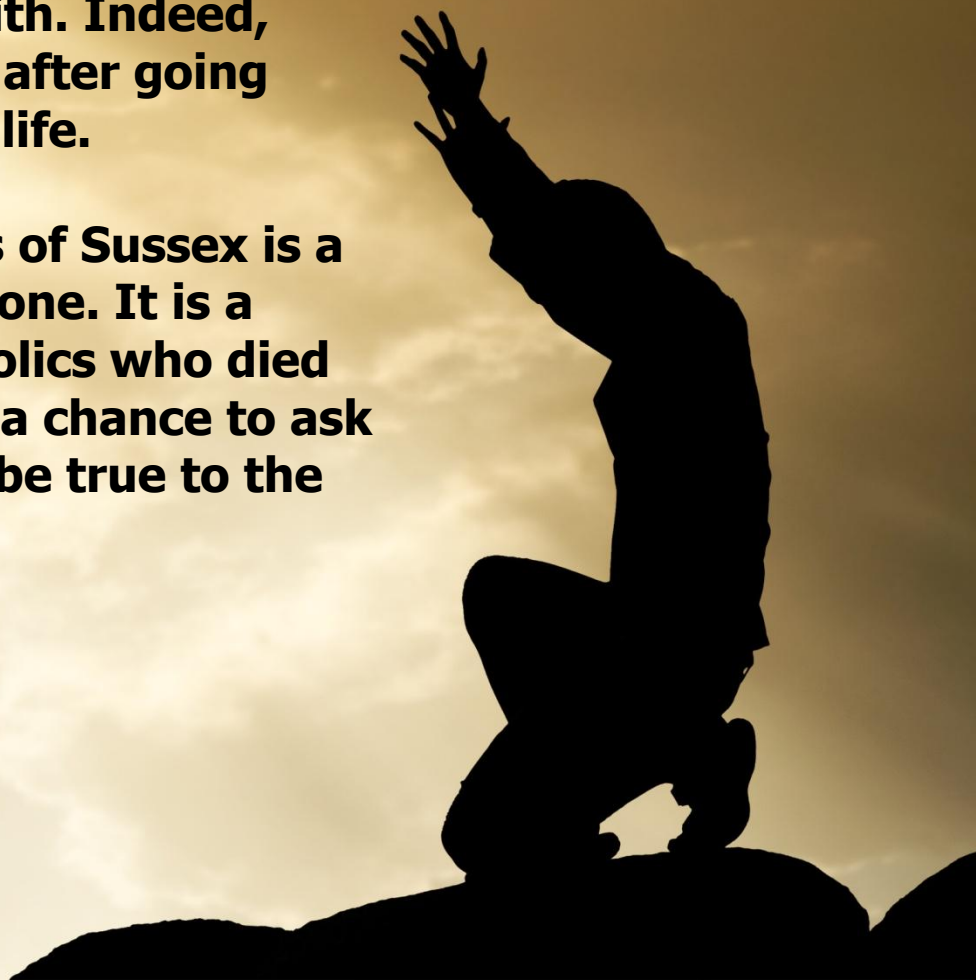
Reflection
One of the groups of Saints we are celebrating this week is the Martyrs of Sussex.



Prayer Three

During the reformation, a lot of Catholics died for their faith. They died because they refused to be bullied into giving up their faith. Indeed, many of them died in great pain after going through a lot of suffering in this life.

The Feast of the Blessed Martyrs of Sussex is a local feast day for our diocese alone. It is a chance to remember those Catholics who died for the faith in our area, and it's a chance to ask them to pray for us as we try to be true to the Gospel in our day and age.



Final Prayer

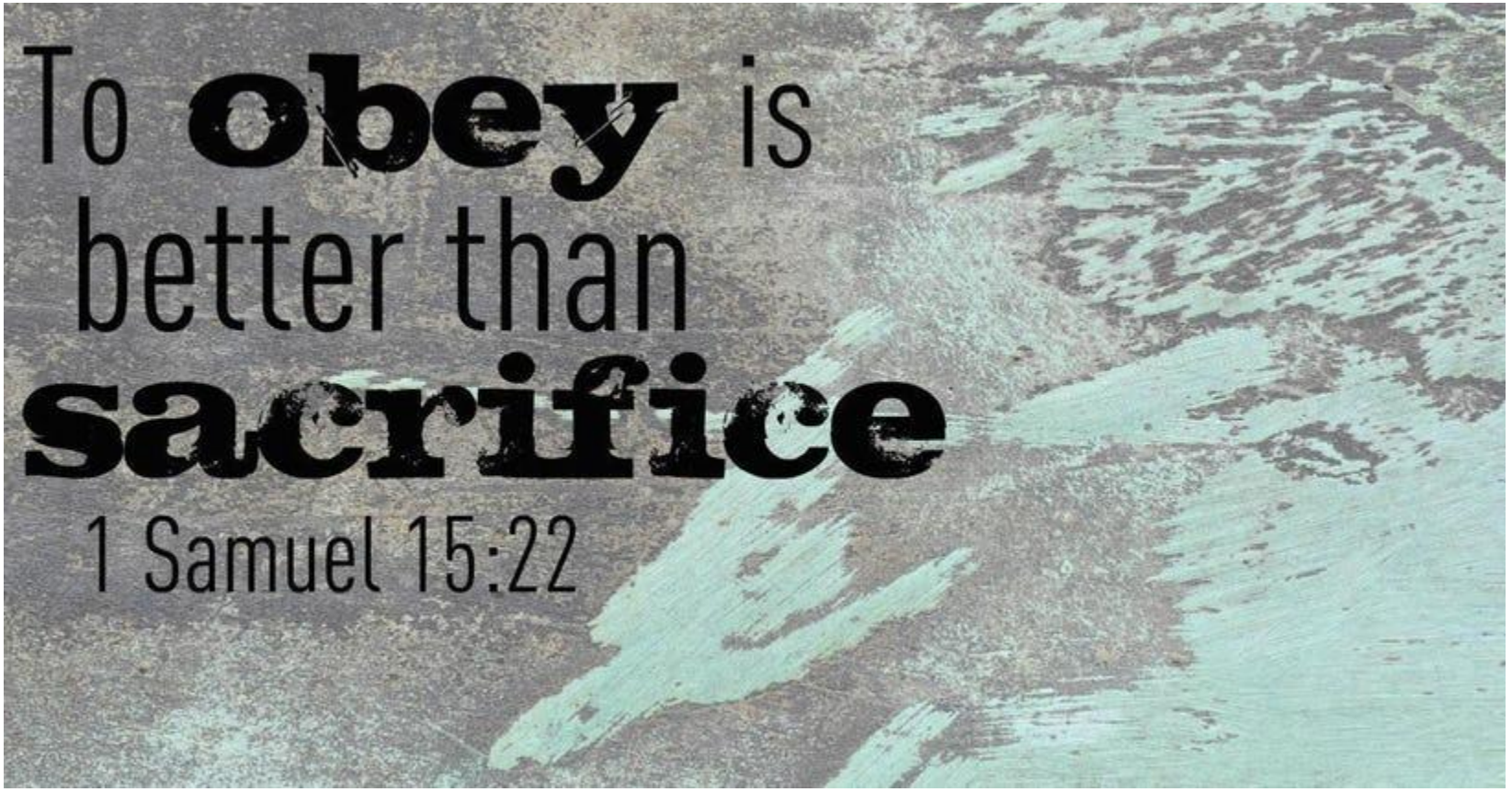
LOVING FATHER…

Hear the prayers of the Blessed martyrs of Sussex, and hear our prayers as we try to live the best lives we can.

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN



Final Thought…



Next Week: ***Respect***