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This Sunday's Gospel

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Luke 14:1,7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

This is 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:

***This is our first week of the new
academic year - a great chance to think
about what lies ahead and about what's
going to be important to us this year!***



Here are some things to think about this morning...

[Read slowly, leaving a pause after each one]



How are you feeling at the moment?

What will you need God's help with this year?

What do you want to do differently this year?

Is there anything or anyone you are worried about at the moment?



Final Prayer

Loving Father,

Bless us as we gather together as a community and be with us as we journey through the months ahead.

Bring success to our efforts, bring joy to our relationships and help us to remember each day that you are walking beside us.

Our Father, who art in heaven...

In the name of the Father and of the Son...

Prayer Two

The Sign of the Cross

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Reflection

We celebrate St Teresa of Calcutta's feast day this week on 5th September. Her life is held up as example of how to follow the teachings of Jesus...

Synopsis of her life:

Born in 1910, in Skopje, Macedonia, Mother Teresa taught in India for 17 years before she experienced her 1946 "call within a call" to devote herself to caring for the sick and poor. Her order established a hospice; centres for the blind, aged, and disabled; and a leper colony. In 1979 she received the Nobel Peace Prize for her humanitarian work. She died in September 1997 and was beatified in October 2003. In December 2015, Pope Francis recognized a second miracle attributed to Mother Teresa, clearing the way for her to be canonized as a saint on September 4, 2016.

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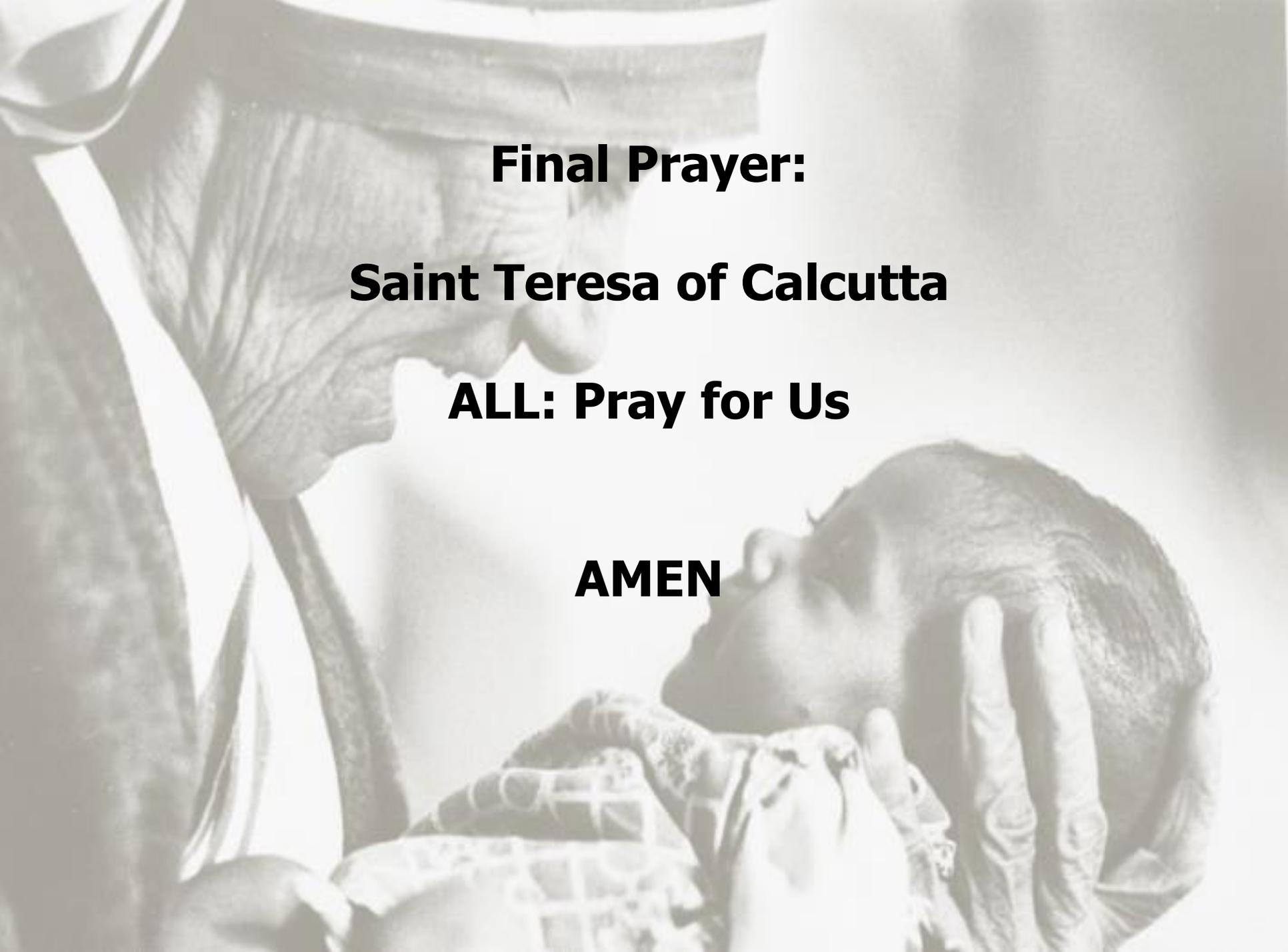




“Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.
Life is beauty, admire it.
Life is a dream, realize it.
Life is a challenge, meet it.
Life is a duty, complete it.
Life is a game, play it.
Life is a promise, fulfill it.

Life is sorrow, overcome it.
Life is a song, sing it.
Life is a struggle, accept it.
Life is a tragedy, confront it.
Life is an adventure, dare it.
Life is luck, make it.
Life is too precious, do not destroy it.
Life is life, fight for it.”

— Mother Teresa



Final Prayer:

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

ALL: Pray for Us

AMEN

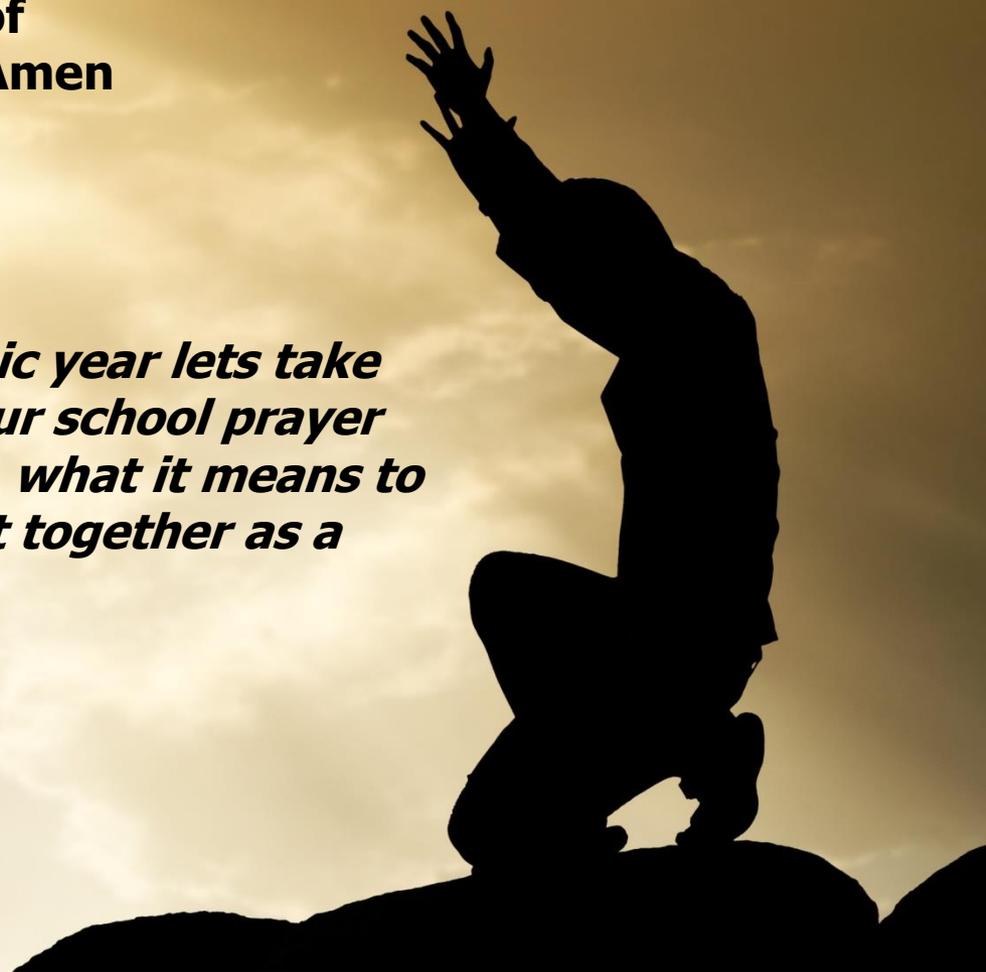
Prayer Three

The Sign of the Cross

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the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

Reflection

***In our first week of this academic year lets take
some time to look at and pray our school prayer
together...think about each line, what it means to
you and what it means to pray it together as a
community...***



St Wilfrid's School Prayer



Loving Father, when You created me, You
had a definite plan;
You didn't make me to be average, but to
be beautiful, great and talented;
You want the best, from me and the best for
me.

Lord, I ask you with hope and joy to give me
a strong faith in You;
to give me a heart transformed with Your
amazing love;
to give me a spirit of courage and
generosity;
to give me a mind full of brilliant ideas;
to give me the will to make a difference in
the world;
to give me the grace to love You and those
around me in all that I do,
through Christ our Lord.

Amen



Final Thought...



AND SUDDENLY
YOU KNOW: IT'S
TIME TO START
SOMETHING NEW
AND TRUST THE
MAGIC OF
BEGINNINGS

- MEISTER ECKHART

Next weeks theme: Discipleship