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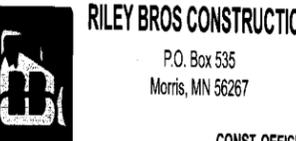
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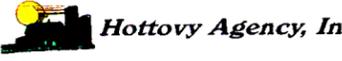


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March 28 and 29th the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Let us pray!

This Sunday Jesus prays for his deceased friend Lazarus, entombed four days in the earth. This is the third time Jesus prayed for the dead. The first time Jesus prayed occurred shortly after the moment of death when he prayed for the deceased daughter of Jairus. Jesus takes the little girl by the hand and says to her *“Talitha koum,”* which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise!” The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately. (Mark 5:21-43). The second time Jesus prayed for the deceased was at a funeral procession toward the grave. Jesus was moved with deepest emotions took pity on the widow from the town of Nain who had lost her only son to death. Jesus touches the coffin and says: “Young man, I tell you arise!” The dead man sat up and began to speak. (Luke 7:11-17) We learn that at all these moments where the miracle of the resurrection of the deceased occurred was filled with deep emotion. He encourages those who are filled with grief not to weep. For Jesus death is like sleep. Jesus is the one who can awake the dead, whether that be at the very moment of death, or on the way to the grave or after burial. As Catholics we imitate our Lord’s example to pray at all times, at private and public moments, when important decisions must be made; such as the selection of the twelve apostles, and like Jesus we pray for the deceased, at the moment of death, during the procession to the grave-at the Wake Service and at the Mass of Christian Burial, and we pray at the grave side.

An early Christian priest, whose name was Tertullian, teaches us to remember what Jesus told the Samaritan woman at Jacob’s well. *“God the Father seeks true worshipers who will worship the Father in spirit and in truth.”* Tertullian says: “God looks for worshippers who are like himself. We are true worshippers and true priests. We pray in spirit, and so offer in spirit the sacrifice of prayer....We must dedicate this offering with our whole heart....escort it to the altar of God in procession of good works to the sound of psalms and hymns. Then it will gain for us all that we ask of God....prayer was able to rescue from fire and beasts, and hunger,....bring an angel of comfort to the heart of a fiery furnace,...close up the mouths of the lions,...transport to the hungry food from the fields...removes all sense of pain...gives the armor of patience...brings down punishment and routs armies...pleads for persecutors and keeps vigil for its enemies...calls down fire and rain from heaven...gives strength to the weak, heals the sick, exorcises the possessed, opens prison doors, frees the innocent from chains stamps out persecutions, comforts the fainthearted, gives new strength to the courageous brings travelers safely home, calms the waves, confounds robbers, feeds the poor, overrules the rich, lifts up the fallen, supports those who are falling, sustains those who stand firm.

All angels pray. Every creature prays. Cattle and wild beasts pray and bend the knee. As they come from their barns and caves they look up to heaven and call out, lifting-up their spirit in their own fashion. The birds too rise and lift themselves up to heaven: they open out their wings, instead of hands, in the form of a cross, and give voice to what seems to be a prayer.

What more need be said on the duty of prayer? Even the Lord himself prayed. To him be honor and power for ever and ever. Amen.”

Taken from the Treatise On Prayer by Tertullian, priest, Office of Readings for Thursday the Third week of Lent, pages 249-251.

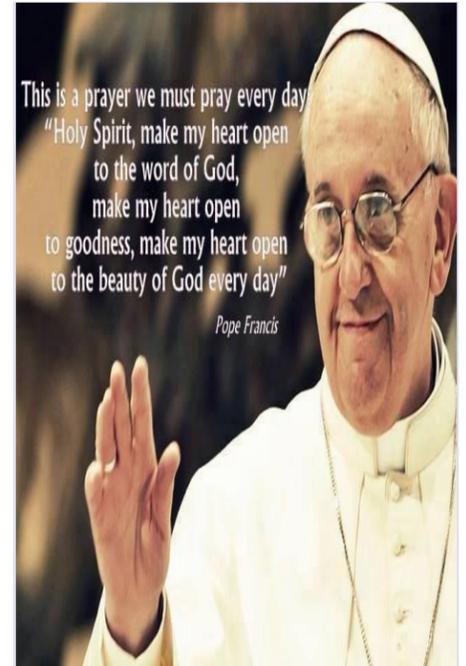
Let me conclude with sharing a prayer my mother prayed daily and sometimes several times a day, especially when stormy weather or spiritual difficulties manifested themselves in the community of faith. The prayer is found in the Blue Pieta Prayer Book which my mother gave to countless people as gifts. She would often point out that: **The Prayer or Blessing Against Storms** is of great importance. I share this prayer with you as we confront the storm called the COVID-19 Virus. Please note the + sign is a reminder to make the Sign of the Cross during the praying of specific words. We pray with both words and actions.

The Prayer or Blessing Against Storms

(and the COVID-19 Virus)

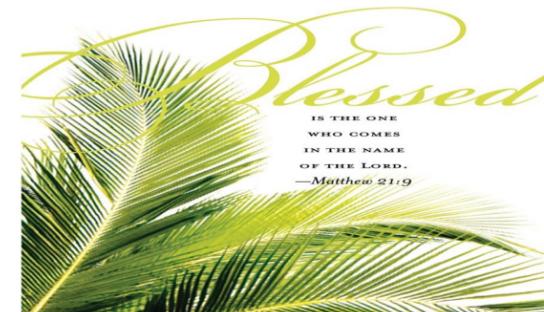
Jesus Christ a King of Glory has come in Peace. + God became man, + and the Word was made flesh. + Christ was born of a Virgin. + Christ suffered. + Christ was crucified. + Christ died. + Christ rose from the dead. + Christ ascended into Heaven. + Christ conquers. + Christ reigns, + Christ orders. + May Christ protect us from all storms and lightening. + Christ went through their midst in Peace, + and the Word was made Flesh. + Christ is with us with Mary. + Flee you enemy spirits because the Lion of the Generation of Juda, the Root of David, has won. + Holy God! + Holy Immortal God! + Holy Powerful God! + Holy Immortal God! + Have mercy on us. Amen! +

God bless you.
Sincerely in Christ,
Father Todd Schneider



Our Parish

On Sunday, April 5th after 10:00am, the Blessed Palm Branches will be on the table at the handicap elevator entrance, if you would like to stop by and claim yours during the day & week.



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