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Revealing Peace & Justice through Scripture from – "In the beginning…" (Gn 1:1) to "The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen!" (Rev 2:21) ™

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5: 1 – 7
Philippians 4: 6 – 9
Matthew 21: 33 – 43

The 2nd Reading from Philippians 4: 6 – 9 is to have no anxious and distracting thoughts for the difficulties of life. This is a very tall order and especially in these challenging times that we live in. However, the antidote for our cares and worries is prayer and faith, with thanksgiving to God and making our petitions known to God (v 6). Prayer leads to peace of mind and that is worth any price. Jesus prayed all the time. From ancient monastic to your Parish Priest or Religious – they are a life of prayer.

Letting our prayers and petitions rise like incense… is a gift of love that is more valuable than anything. It is not that God needs to be told of our needs and desires, as God knows them already. Somehow prayer brings peace to our hearts that need to slow down, in order to keep our thoughts focused on Jesus (V 7).

The Lord is with us while we are with him. This is why The Beatitudes (Mt 5: 1 - 10) speak so bountifully to the poor and those in need. The poor pray because the Lord hears the cry of the poor. Whether you have resources or you have no earthly treasure or a crisis hits home; prayer should be the first resource. And when the crisis is over – don't forget to thank God!

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