

Fourteenth Sunday | Year A

July 09th, 2023 (Zec 9:9-10 | Romans 8:9, 11-13 | Matthew 11:25-30)

The Savior of Zion and King of Jerusalem is the one who will come and ride on an ass, and on a colt. He is meek and gentle, but rich in mercy and love. Let us ask God to hear us.

1/ Let all the works of God give him thanks; let them discourse of the glory of his kingdom. For all peoples and nations that fear God. We pray that every human and everything on earth, led by Pope Francis and spiritual leaders, do well in praising God and his mercy. Let us pray.

2/ Paul states that the Roman Christians are no longer in the flesh. Rather, they are in the spirit if only the Spirit of God dwells in them. For those who call themselves Christians, but often connive in the fleshly and earthly matters. We pray that the examples of the Roman Christians remind these worldly people to change and live in the Spirit of God. Let us pray.

3/ The one who lives according to the flesh, Paul continues, will become a debtor to the flesh and also die with the flesh. But the one who lives in the Spirit of God will harvest eternal joy. For those who seek the lures of this world. We pray that the message that Paul sent to the Christians in Rome may warn Christians today not to engage in immoral matters. Let us pray.

4/ Jesus extols and gives praise to God, because God has shown peace and salvation to the ones of simple minds and humble hearts. Let them come to God and Jesus for eternal rest. For our sisters and brothers who, in life, acknowledged God and Jesus in their humility, but have now departed from us. We pray that God grant them light and delight in heaven. Today we remember **[at 4:30 PM]** Charlie Thompson, Sonny and Betty Hardesty, and Joyce Ann Brown O'Leary; **[at 10:00 AM]** Bob and Joan Whelan, Red and Libby Lucas, and Joyce Ann Brown O'Leary. Let us pray.

God and Father, in the rising of your Son death gives birth to new life. The meekness in his sufferings restored hope to a fallen world. Let the power of sin never ensnare us with empty promises of passing joy, so that we may rise to be one with you. We pray this in the name of Jesus our Lord.