

## Twelfth Sunday | Year A

June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (Jer 20:10-13 | Romans 5:12-15 | Matthew 10:26-33)

Despite all his friends opposing him because of his prophetic vision regarding the survival of Jerusalem, Jeremiah puts his trust in the Lord. Let us turn to God with our prayers.

1/ Let us ask God, in his great love and mercy, to hear our petitions and answer our call. For all nations and peoples who fear God. We pray that, together with Pope Francis, pastors, deacons, ministers, and rabbis, the faithful may learn to imitate the Prophet Jeremiah by putting their trust in the Lord. Let us pray.

2/ Paul reminds the Romans that, because of the weakness of humanity, sin enters the world. For this reason, all humans sin. Thanks to Jesus Christ, God reconciles humanity to himself. For those who have not yet come to believe in God and his desire for salvation. We pray that they may experience the living God through Jesus and the faith of Christians. Let us pray.

3/ By telling his disciples that they ought to fear the one who can destroy both body and soul in Gehenna, Jesus implies that his followers must put their trust in God, and not in anything of this world. For those who live in despair and hopelessness. We pray that the examples of good Christians and their faith in God may touch the hearts of hopeless people. Let us pray.

4/ Jesus assures the disciples that he will acknowledge before the heavenly Father everyone who acknowledges him before others. For our sisters and brothers who labored in life with faith in God and Jesus, but have now departed from us. We pray that God grant them life in heaven. Today we remember **[at 4:30 PM]** Herbert Chism and Deceased Family Members; **[at 10:00 AM]** Maria Paulus. Let us pray.

God of the universe, we worship you as Lord. God of love and ever close to us, we rejoice to call you Father. From this world of uncertainty, we look to your covenant. Keep us, we pray, united in your peace and secure in your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord.