

## Thirty-first Sunday | Year A

November 5, 2023 (Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10 | 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13 | Matthew 23:1-12)

The Prophet Malichi warns the priests to give glory to the Lord their God, for he is the One who created the heaven and the earth. Let us imitate Malichi and glory God in our prayers.

1/ Let us humble ourselves before God, for in him we have found peace. We pray that Pope Francis, pastors, and deacons may learn to humble themselves in service to God. Let us pray.

2/ Speaking of a nursing mother caring for her children, Paul reassures the Thessalonians of his affection for them and his sharing with them the gospel of salvation. For those who have not found the meaning of true life in this world. We pray that Christians may show affection to the lost ones and strive to share the gospel of salvation to those who struggle. Let us pray.

3/ All God-fearers are called to put their faith in action. We pray that Christians and leaders of the world may bring humanitarian aids to the peoples in Israel and Palestine. Let us pray.

4/ Jesus advises the crowds and his disciples to observe whatsoever the Pharisees tell them, **But NOT** to follow their example. Christians are called to humble themselves before God by serving their brothers and sisters. We pray that Christians learn to serve others. Let us pray.

5/ Christians have but ONE GOD who is the Father in heaven, and have but One Master who is Jesus the Christ. For our sisters and brothers who have departed before us. Because they believed Jesus to be their Master and Savior, let us pray that God admit them into heaven. Today we remember [**at 4:30 PM**] Betty Hardesty; [**at 10:00 AM**] Bob and Joan Whelan, Red and Libby Lucas. Let us pray.

Father in heaven, God of power and Lord of mercy, it is from you that we have received the fullness of life. Direct our steps, we pray, in our everyday efforts. May the changing moods of the human heart never separate us from you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.