

Thirtieth Sunday | Year A

October 29, 2023 (Ex 22:20-26 | 1 Thes 1:5c-10 | Matthew 22:34-40)

According to the Law of Moses, the Israelites are asked to treat others in the same and fair manners as they would expect the others to treat them. Let us ask God to hear our petitions.

1/ Let us love the Lord our God, for he is our rock and our refuge. We pray that Pope Francis, pastors, and deacons may always teach the faithful to love God by loving others. Let us pray.

2/ Paul urges the Thessalonians to imitate him in following Jesus, so that their Community may become a model of faith for all believers. For those who struggle in their faith and are wandering aimlessly. We pray that every Christian community may become a model of faith in order to inspire others to believe in God and to follow Jesus. Let us pray.

3/ We are called to have faith in God by loving one another. Let us pray that the peoples of different faith traditions in Israel and Palestine may show love for one another. Let us pray.

4/ Replying to the Pharisees' question, Jesus affirms that they are to love the Lord their God above and beyond everything, then to love their neighbors as themselves. For those who have faith **BUT NO** love, and reversely, for those who have love **BUT NO** faith. We pray that faith in God and love for others may not be separated, but united in actions. Let us pray.

5/ Again, Jesus tells the Pharisees that the whole system of law and all the prophets depend on the two commandments of loving God and loving neighbors. For our sisters and brothers who have departed before us. We pray that God remember **NOT** their human weakness, but rather grant them life in heaven. Today we remember [**at 4:30 PM**] Deborah Hardesty; [**at 10:00 AM**] Nick Ford and Deborah Hardesty. Let us pray.

Praise be to you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. There is no power for good which does not come from your covenant, and no promise to hope in, that your love has not offered. Strengthen, we pray, our faith, hope, and love, so that we may carry out your command. We ask this through Christ our Lord.