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Making known God's goodness

WORDS FROM ST. JULIE

We shall never be able to do enough for a God who is so good towards us. At every step I take I find a mark of his kindness. How many of these marks there are already! Who could ever count them? –Ghent, June 19, 1812.

WHERE ARE WE ON THE JOURNEY

Ordinary Time: the longest season of the Church year. What does that mean—"ordinary" time? Ordinary refers to the routine, the usual. This season calls us to reflect on how God comes to us in the midst of the ordinary moments of our lives: in the midst of relationships, events and experiences. How do we find God in one another? How do we find God in the things going on around us? How do we find God in nature and in our individual and collective journeys through life? Ask for the grace to see God present in the routine and the usual as you take time with the readings of the Sunday liturgies.

June 1, 2008
9th Sunday in Ordinary Time [Dt 11:18, 26-28, 32](#); [Ps 31:2-3, 3-4, 17, 25](#); [Rom 3:21-25, 28](#);
[Mt 7:21-27](#)

June 8, 2008
10th Sunday in Ordinary Time [Hos 6:3-6](#); [Ps 50:1, 8, 12-13, 14-15](#); [Rom 4:18-25](#); [Mt 9:9-13](#)

June 15, 2008
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time [Ex 19:2-6a](#); [Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5](#); [Rom 5:6-11](#); [Mt 9:36—10:8](#)

June 22, 2008
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time [Jer 20:10-13](#); [Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35](#); [Rom 5:12-15](#); [Mt 10:26-33](#)

June 29, 2008
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time [Acts 12:1-11](#); [Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9](#); [2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18](#); [Mt 16:13-19](#)

WHERE AM I ON THE JOURNEY?

Read the passages again. In prayer, reflect on the following questions:

[Dt 11:18, 26-28, 32](#) I reflect on Dt 11:18, 26-28, 32: how do I take God's word into my "heart and soul"?

[Ps 31:2-3, 3-4, 17, 25](#) I spend time with Ps 31:2-3, 3-4, 17, 25 and ask myself: where do I find kindness, refuge, strength and courage? How do I experience God's presence in my life "like spring rains that water the earth"?

[Hos 6:3-6](#); [Ps](#) The readings for June 8th emphasize God's call to incarnate God's love to

- [50:1, 8, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 4:18-25; Mt 9:9-13](#) those around us. Living out of that love moment by moment is greater worship than any sacrifice we could make. How do I try to incarnate God's love to those around me?
- [Ex 19:2-6a](#) I read EX 19:2-6a letting God speak vs. 5 to me personally. How do I respond to those words of love?
- [Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5](#) I let PS 100 lead me into a prayer of thanksgiving and praise.
- [Mt 9:36—10:8](#) I read MT 9:36-10:8. In prayer I ask Jesus to show me the world through his eyes: where are the needs for loving shepherds? I ask God to show me how I can help meet some of those needs.
- [Mt 10:26-33](#) I read MT 10:26-28. I quiet myself for prayer and allow God to speak to my heart. What do I hear that I need to speak to the world around me?
- [Mt 10:26-33](#) I quiet myself for prayer and focus on the image of the sparrow in MT 10:26-28. I repeat to myself that God cares for me so much more than for the sparrow. I let myself sink into God's care and love. What does it feel like? I talk to God about this experience.
- [Acts 12:1-11](#) I ask the Holy Spirit to guide my thoughts as I pray the story in Acts 12:1-11. What do I see, hear, notice? What character do I relate to? What does God say to me through this story? I talk to God about it.
- [Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9](#) I pray PS 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9. What word or phrase stands out for me? I let that become a mantra, repeating it over and over in my mind and heart, letting it lead to a silence where God can speak. What does God say?
- [2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18](#) I reflect on the words and images in 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18. I talk to God about what surfaces in my mind and heart.
- [Mt 16:13-19](#) I take time to reflect on MT 16:13-19. I let Jesus ask me the question he poses to the Apostles in the Gospel. How do I answer? I talk to Jesus about my answer. How does Jesus respond?

A PRAYER FOR THE SEASON

You tell us, Jesus, to trust in the God whom you call Abba, Father. And that we try to do. But to be open to God's personal gifts to us, and allow those gifts to grow in us, and shine through us, we must have trust in ourselves. Help us, Jesus, to trust ourselves, to believe in the gifts, with which we are endowed. Do not allow our fears and self doubts to lead us to bury our talents and prevent us from developing these gifts, and sharing them for the benefit of others. Help us, Jesus, to trust in you, and trust in ourselves. So that we might take the risk and follow your call wherever that leads. (*Prayers for Reflective Christians*, p. 69)

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