

Thursday 10 October

Mal 3:13-20b, Ps 1:1-4,6, Lk 11:5-13

From Baptised and Sent

Pope Francis often uses a simple and useful description of the mission: “Mission is at once a passion for Jesus and a passion for his people” (EG 268). This means that every missionary who experiences a profound encounter with Jesus through personal friendship will want to share with others the fruits of this encounter. Starting from a personal encounter with God, we then desire to be friends with others in sharing their friendship with the Lord Jesus. (p. 115)

From Pope Francis

How do we pray? Do we pray piously and calmly out of habit or do we place ourselves courageously before the Lord to ask for grace, to ask for what we are praying for? Our attitude is so important for prayer that is not courageous is not real prayer. When we pray, we need the courage to trust that the Lord is listening to us, we need the courage to knock at the door... The Lord himself says: ‘everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened’. Do we get involved in prayer? Do we know how to knock at the door of God's heart?ⁱ

From the Good Samaritan Benedictine Story

Whenever we want to ask some favour of a powerful person, we do it humbly and respectfully, for fear of presumption. How much more important, then, to lay our petitions before the Lord God of all things with the utmost humility and sincere devotion. We must know that God regards our purity of heart and tears of compunction, not our many words. Prayer should therefore be short and pure, unless perhaps it is prolonged under the inspiration of divine grace. In community, however, prayer should always be brief; and when the superior gives the signal, all should rise together. (RB 20: 1-5)

ⁱ Morning meditation in the Chapel of the *Domus Sanctae Marthae*, “Courageous prayer,” Thursday, October 10, 2013