

**Prayers for November**  
**(from the Mass for the 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year)**

**Meditation: Wisdom: 11: 22 – 12: 2**

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you ? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 144**

*I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.*

I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever. **(R)**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R)**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God. **(R)**

The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down. **(R)**

**Concluding Prayer:**

God of power and mercy, only with your help can we offer you fitting service and praise; only with your guidance can we spread the word of your love through the world. May we live the faith we profess and trust in your promise of eternal life. Amen.

*A Commentary by Father Harry Curtis on the text for meditation can be found on the Teams of Our Lady Website – <http://www.teamsofourlady.org.uk>*