

Prayers for September (from the Mass for the 25th Sunday of the Year)

Meditation: 1 Timothy: 2: 1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour : he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named as a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 112

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

1. Alleluia !
Praise, O servants of the Lord,
Praise the name of the Lord !
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore ! **(R)**
2. High above the all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth ? **(R)**

3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes
yes, with the princes of his people. **(R)**

Concluding Prayer:

Lord, we thank you that you are always listening for our prayers. Help in our endeavours to pray quietly, without anger or argument, to seek full knowledge of the truth. Through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. 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>***