

**READINGS AND REFLECTION FOR THE 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.**

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF WISDOM 1:13-15; 2:23-24**

Death was not God's doing; he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be - for this he created all. The world's created things have health in them; in them no fatal poison can be found and Hades holds no power on earth for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable. He made him in the image of his own nature. It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 29:2, 4-6, 11-13**

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me  
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,  
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.  
**I will praise you, Lord for you have rescued me.**

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name.  
His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life.  
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.  
**I will praise you, Lord for you have rescued me.**

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help.  
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing,  
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.  
**I will praise you, Lord for you have rescued me.**

**A READING FROM ST PAUL'S SECOND LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS 8:7, 9, 13-15**

You always have the most of everything - of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection - so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves.

It is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who

gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

**The Word of the Lord**

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death  
and brought us life through his gospel. 2 Timothy 1:10

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 5:21-24, 35-43**

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James.

So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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We are human and need to feel the warmth of God's Presence in our lives. Jesus gave this awareness to the disciples in personal ways. Like the little girl, we long for the Presence of God in personal ways to bring us life. Through someone graced by God, Jesus will reach out to us also. At the same time, could our efforts to 'love one another' be the healing touch God uses to reach out and bless someone else through us?