

HOLY CROSS AND ALL SAINTS MONDAY MISSION

THIS WEEK'S WORD:

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Make our faith greater."

The Lord answered, "If you had faith as big as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Pull yourself up by the roots and plant yourself in the sea!' and it would obey you."

"Suppose one of you has a servant who is ploughing or looking after the sheep. When he comes in from the field, do you tell him to hurry along and eat his meal? Of course not! Instead, you say to him, 'Get my supper ready, then put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may have your meal.' The servant does not deserve thanks for obeying orders, does he? It is the same with you; when you have done all you have been told to do, say, 'We are ordinary servants; we have only done our duty.'"



REFLECT

So, even the disciples who spent all their time with Jesus felt that they didn't have enough faith! Yet as far as Jesus is concerned, even the tiniest bit of faith is enough. The disciples trusted that Jesus could help them to grow in faith. That's all we need to do too. If we have enough faith to want to ask for more, we have enough faith already.

Faith doesn't mean we won't have doubts. All Jesus asks is that we trust him. Believing in God doesn't mean life will be perfect. Things go wrong for everyone, but God is always there with us whatever happens. We just need to carry on living as Jesus asks – just like the servant he talks about. Somehow, living as though we trust God, will mean we have faith!

In his message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Leo XIV emphasizes the important witness that Catholic migrants and refugees can offer in hoping and searching for a better and more peaceful future. Even when everything is against them, migrants and refugees have hope that they will find peace, safety and happiness. The Israelites trusted in God to look after them and in the same way we entrust all migrants and refugees to God's protection. And we pray that we will live up to the trust they place in us to provide a welcome for them.

LET US PRAY

Thank you, Lord, for always being with me.
Help me to trust you
and to believe that together
we will do amazing things.

Amen

MISSION

This week, try to grow your faith by quietly doing something kind or helpful – not for praise, but simply because it is the right thing to do.

Here are some ideas of what you can do this week to grow your faith:

- Help a friend without being asked.
- Say "thank you" to someone who serves you (e.g., cleaners, lunch staff).
- Try hard in your work, even when no one is watching.
- Offer a prayer for someone in need.