

**Theme: Ignatius in You****Grace**

Lord, kindle in us the fire that you lit and kept burning in St. Ignatius.

Opening Prayer

Dearest Lord, you transformed all those who sought after You from your own disciples to St. Ignatius and thousands like him. We admit that it is hard to find you amidst this pandemic. But may we seek you like Zacchaeus and find you within us and in many people around us who toil hard to protect us from this pandemic. Finding you close to us; may we be transformed. Amen

An Appropriate Hymn Could be Sung.

Scripture Reading

Lk 19: 1 – 10

Through the Life of Ignatius

It was never too difficult for St. Ignatius to find God. From the moment he surrendered himself to God during convalescence, he began experiencing the undoubted presence of God in various ways. From then on, in the many apparitions and visions, in the endless weeping through prayer and Eucharists, in travel or sedentary life, in saying 3000 Masses or writing thousands of letters, in every action and contemplation, God was real and tangible than any material being before him. St. Ignatius recounted this in his Autobiography, “he had always grown in devotion, that is, ease in finding God; and now more than ever in his whole life. Every time, any hour, that he wished to find God, he found him. And even now he often had visions, especially those mentioned above in which he saw Christ as the sun. This often happened while he was engaged in important matters, and that gave him confirmation.” (Autobiography 99).



Reflection

While seeking to find God, it is good to ask for an interior knowledge of God's gifts even during this pandemic, in our own lives and in many helping hands around us. Let's recall to mind God's gifts to us, starting from our birth up to this day; not only the natural and material blessings but also the gift of His deep affection shown in Jesus. Let's also recall the graces we have received during these days of Novena. See, our histories are saturated with Divine Love.

Look back into our personal history and we would realize that our stories are not much different from that of St. Ignatius. There is indeed an Ignatius in me. During the most trying of times, Ignatius sought God and the Lord accompanied him and transformed him all along. At the core and depth of all our desperation, hope, brokenness, and seeking, is our God. Therefore, Corona can calm us down by relying on God or frustrate us by relying on ourselves. Choose wisely!

Prayerful Silence

Let God Move your Hearts...

Intercessory Prayers could be offered.

Let's remember those affected by Corona virus... St. Ignatius, pray for us.

Let's remember those who toil for the welfare of all during this pandemic... St. Ignatius, pray for us.

Concluding Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the wonder of our life; for the wonder of Your works around us. Like St. Ignatius may we use these hard times to constantly seek for Your presence. And then Lord, come along the way, call out our names, bring us down from our own little worlds like Zacchaeus, sit and dine with us and at the end of it may we be filled and transformed. May that Ignatian fire ignite us too. Amen

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