

Celebrating Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019

Tuesday, 22 October 2019

Readings: 1 Thes 4:9-12 (Grow in Love); Jn11:1-16 (Go with Jesus)

Be with Jesus and Grow in Love

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Declaring October as an Extra ordinary missionary month by Holy Father is really joyful and moreover an inspiring news. It's indeed an occasion for all of us to rededicate ourselves as zealous missionaries for Christ. We shall have a reflection and meditation based on today's bible readings.

“You yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, ¹¹ and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands” 1 Thess 4:9-12.

“Then Thomas said to the rest of the disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” Jn11:16

We shall take these two passages for today's meditation and reflection. It is an exigency for all of us to be with Jesus to grow in love and to celebrate the prophetic role as missionaries. St.Thomas was willing to walk wherever the Lord walked. He was willing to die with Christ if that happened. May we all strive to be identified as Thomas by being faithful to the Lord by loving him above all things and by walking with him wherever He leads us. May our heart consistently cry out to the Lord, 'My God and My God'. Thomas exhibited a real heroism. He expected Jerusalem to mean death for Jesus, but he was ready to die, too, if need be. His faith was courageous, but not triumphant. He was resigned to the possibility of martyrdom as a matter of duty, but he did not entertain the concept of a victory over death and its powers.

Being with Jesus is always the best way to grow in his love and peace. Jesus was with the Father in silence, prayer, meditation and in action. He did all his miracles and teachings being with God the Father. The same way we the missionaries are called and invited to be with Jesus, the great missionary who fulfilled His mission being with Father. When we are with Jesus, we may be able to celebrate our life by loving one another without any vested interest. It is said that Love is not about holding hands while you understand each other, it's about having many misunderstandings and not leaving each other's hands trusting God the almighty.

There are two methods to be with Christ and to grow in His love:

1. Be with Christ in Holy Eucharist and in the word of God.
2. Love one another more and more as Jesus Taught us.

These two things can be taken in the spirit of 2 important commandments of Jesus: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Prayer: Lord My God, Help me to be with you always and to grow in your sacrificing love. Bless me Lord to be always a zealous missionary.

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