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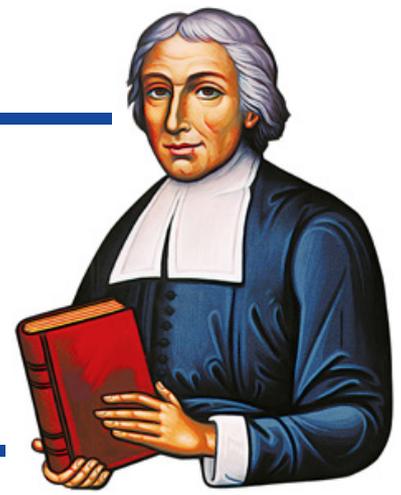
# LASALLIAN

## VOCATIONS PRAYER –

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SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2020

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Celebrating our life as a Brother: - 'together we journey'.

**Prayer:** - Let us recall that we live in the presence of God-allow silence before playing a reflective song.

**Song:** - Choose an appropriate reflective song.

**First Reading:** -Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.

'There is an appointed time for everything,  
And a time for everything under heaven.  
A time to be born, and a time to die;  
A time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.  
A time to kill, and a time to heal;  
A time to tear down and a time to build.  
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
A time to mourn and a time to dance.  
A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;  
A time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.  
A time to seek, and a time to lose;  
A time to keep and a time to cast away.  
A time to rend, and a time to sew;  
A time to be silent, and a time to speak.  
A time to love and a time to hate;  
A time of war, and a time of peace'



**Reflection:** -This text is undoubtedly one of the most familiar texts in the OT. Ecclesiastes is one of the books of wisdom literature and this reading has been chosen for weddings, funerals and even as the poetry for a popular ballad some years ago. It describes the scope of God's oversight of existence. Nothing is beyond the care of God, even the negative side of life that is described in the contrasts of this passage. In our experience of life, we know that all these things take place, we also come to believe that God's wisdom is in all things'.

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## **Psalm 91-two choirs.**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,  
Who abide in the shade of the Almighty,  
Say to the Lord, 'My refuge and fortress,  
My God in whom I trust.'

He will rescue you from the fowler's snare,  
From the destroying plague,  
He will shelter you with his pinions,  
And under his wings you may take refuge,  
His faithfulness is a protecting shield.

Because you have the Lord for your refuge,  
And have made the Most High your stronghold,  
No evil shall befall you,  
No affliction comes near your tent.  
For he commands his angels with regard to you,  
To guard you wherever you go.  
With their hands they shall support you,  
Lest you strike your foot against a stone.



He will call upon me and I will answer;  
I will be with him in distress:  
I will deliver him and give him honour.  
With length of days, I will satisfy him,  
And fill him with my saving power.  
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**Pause:** silent reflection time.

### **Today's Gospel: -Luke 9:18-22.**

One day when Jesus was praying alone in the presence of his disciples, he put this question to them. "Who do the crowds say I am?" And they answered, 'John the Baptist; others Elijah; and others say one of the ancient prophets come back to life'. But you, he said "who do you say I am?" It was Peter who spoke up. "The Christ of God" he said. But he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone anything about this.

"The Son of Man" he said is destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes and be put to death, and to be raised up on the third day."

**Reflection:** Many people who encountered Jesus in his earthly ministry regarded him as a prophet, maybe one of the great prophets come back to life. But Jesus was keen to know what his own disciples thought of him. The answer that Peter gave showed the he had received a special insight from God: 'You are the Christ of God'. However, while his answer was correct, Peter did not understand all that was implied in that title. Jesus had to remind him again that the 'Christ of God' is one who is to die for love. Even today Jesus poses the same question to every one of his disciples. He asks each one of us to give our own personal answer to this question: **"Who do you say I am?"**

**God's Word-Sept 25,2020.**

**Pause:** silent reflection time.



## Prayers: -Daily Prayer.2020

1. O loving God we turn to you in prayer: **R. Loving God, hear us.**
2. For those who are anxious about life or have lost a sense of hope, we pray to the Lord. **R.**
3. For those who suffer from terminal illness, we pray to the Lord. **R.**
4. For those who weep and mourn the death of a loved one, we pray to the Lord. **R.**
5. For those who are lonely, and those who find that happiness is hard to find, we pray to the Lord. **R.**
6. For those Brothers in our community who are lonely or a in poor health, we prayer to the Lord. **R.**
7. Today specifically: -we pray for Lawrence King and Sr Mary Sunantha (Superior General of the Lasallian sisters) who celebrate their birthdays today. We pray to the Lord. **R.**
8. For an increase in vocations to the De La Salle Brothers. We pray to the Lord. **R.**
9. For what else do we pray....

**Our Father:** - together.

**Final Prayer:** -together.

Almighty and merciful God, you have created all time and space to be the home of your presence and your providence.

Let us always be grateful for the grace of our existence and celebrate the treasures that you have bestowed on us, both in this life and those that await us in eternal life.

Through Christ or Lord.

Amen.

Live Jesus in our hearts, **Forever.**

