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First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20a **Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 **Second Reading:** 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 **Gospel** Luke 21:5-19

Full readings can be found here!

1. HEAR

Pick up your bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries you can find the Gospel reading by clicking HERE. (Bishop O'Connell's Gospel Reflection page.)

As an alternative to reading the Gospel, you can watch a short video with the proclamation for adults by clicking <u>HERE</u>. (You Tube, WOG channel, 2:08 min)

Children can also watch a video proclamation of the Gospel by clicking HERE. (YouTube, 德蘭社 channel, 2:36 min)

2. PRAY

Gather your family or invite a friend to be with you at this moment of prayer and ask one person to be the leader. If possible, prepare a small prayer space with a Bible, a crucifix and have ready some tea light candles or other type of small candles that can be lit during this prayer time.

Leader: There are many difficult situations over the last weeks and months in our city and country, and many people are suffering because of the lack of money, food and other necessities. I invite each of you to think of someone close to you that you know of, or think of a group of people you have heard of through the news or social media that may be going through difficult times. (Allow for a brief time of silence and reflection.)

Leader: Now I invite each of you to name that person or group of people and briefly state what is the difficulty they are experiencing at this moment in time. As you name that person or group, light a tealight and place it in the prayer space. (Allow each person to say their name out loud and light a candle.)

Leader: We offer our prayer to our Lord Jesus on behalf of the people or groups we have named, asking for his help during these difficult times. Now, as family of faith, we offer a communal prayer to our Lord.

All: Lord Jesus, we come to you today with open hands and open hearts, to intercede for the people and groups we have named. Through every trial and hardship, you are always present, and you walk with each one of us. We ask that you increase their faith when fear is upon them, that you shed your light when they are full of doubt, that you comfort them when pain is near, and that you carry them in your arms when their strength is giving up on them. Lord, you came that all may have life and have it to the full (John 10:10). We thank you for every moment you walk with your people to help move them ahead of every difficulty of their lives. Amen.

3. TALK

We just heard Jesus tell his disciples, "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." With all the turmoil going on around us, it may be easy to think that this could be the end



and lose hope. Children are especially sensitive to all the concerns felt by the adults in the family. It is important to put these concerns in the light of God's kingdom and the assurance of God's care for us.

In pairs or groups of three, discuss one or more current events happening in your community that you are aware of. Or think of a situation in your family which shows difficulties that may challenge your trust in the loving care of our God who never abandons or forgets his people. (Allow some time for conversation and sharing among the people.)

When all have had time to share with one another, invite them to think about ways in which God might bring good out of the difficult events they discussed. (Allow for more time to come up with ideas on how God might be present in those difficult situations.)



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