

RESPONDING TO THE PSALMS – November 2025

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We offer the Sunday Responsorial Psalm as a focus for prayer and reflection during the week ahead for yourself or to share with others.

You could note your own thoughts as a possible personal journal.

We continue to celebrate the Year of Jubilee, the Holy Year, as Pilgrims of Hope, and join with all who journey to Rome for the different Jubilee gatherings.

Our love and our deepest convictions need to be continually cultivated, and we do so through our concrete actions. Remaining in the realm of ideas and theories, while failing to give them expression through frequent and practical acts of charity, will eventually cause even our most cherished hopes and aspirations to weaken and fade away. For this very reason, we Christians must not abandon almsgiving. It can be done in different ways, and surely more effectively, but it must continue to be done. It is always better at least to do something rather than nothing. Whatever form it may take, almsgiving will touch and soften our hardened hearts. It will not solve the problem of world poverty, yet it must still be carried out, with intelligence, diligence and social responsibility. For our part, we need to give alms as a way of reaching out and touching the suffering flesh of the poor.

Christian love breaks down every barrier, brings close those who were distant, unites strangers, and reconciles enemies. It spans chasms that are humanly impossible to bridge, and it penetrates to the most hidden crevices of society. By its very nature, Christian love is prophetic: it works miracles and knows no limits. It makes what was apparently impossible happen. Love is above all a way of looking at life and a way of living it. A Church that sets no limits to love, that knows no enemies to fight but only men and women to love, is the Church that the world needs today.

Through your work, your efforts to change unjust social structures or your simple, heartfelt gesture of closeness and support, the poor will come to realize that Jesus' words are addressed personally to each of them: "I have loved you" (Rev 3:9).

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Sunday 2 November

Solemnity of ALL SAINTS

Sunday 9 November

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Sunday 16 November

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 23 November

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sunday 30 November

1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday 2 November 2025 Solemnity of ALL SAINTS

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. **R** cf. 6

SUCH ARE THE PEOPLE WHO SEEK YOUR FACE, O LORD.

The LORD'S is the earth and its fullness,
the world, and those who dwell in it.

It is he who set it on the seas;
on the rivers he made it firm.

We live as individuals and at the same time we are members of the whole human race created by the Lord, called to be "saints". How do we celebrate this unity?

How do we care for the world "our common home"?

Who shall climb the mountain of the LORD?

Who shall stand in his holy place?

The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose soul is not set on vain things.

Pray for the grace and inspiration to dedicate our lives to seek the mountain of the Lord

Are our hands clean, our hearts pure? Do we focus on vain things?

Blessings from the LORD shall he receive,
and right reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the people who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Pray for the blessings we need to increase our personal holiness

Pray for the ability to seek God in all things, to see his face in all people.

Sunday 9 November 2025 Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46(45):2-3. 5-6. 8-9. **R5**

THE WATERS OF A RIVER GIVE JOY TO GOD'S CITY,
THE HOLY PLACE, THE ABODE OF THE MOST HIGH.

God is for us a refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in time of distress:
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains quake to the heart of the sea.

*Thank God for being a member of the universal Church and all that this gives us
Pray for more people to respond to the promptings of the Spirit to enter the Church*

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place, the abode of the Most High.
God is in her midst, she cannot be shaken;
God will help her at the dawning of the day.

*Pray for all preparing for baptism and all who are supporting them
Thank God for the churches, chapels, cathedrals which are holy places for us to enjoy*

The LORD of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come and behold the works of the LORD,
the awesome deeds he has done on the earth.

*Ask for the gift to be able to speak to others of the works of the Lord, of what he means to you
Take a moment to reflect on the awesome things God has done in his creation*

Sunday 16 November 2025 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 98(97):5-6. 7-8a. 8b-9b. 9cd. *R* cf. 9

THE LORD COMES TO JUDGE THE PEOPLES WITH FAIRNESS.

Sing psalms to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn,
raise a shout before the King, the LORD.

*Thank God for the gift of song and music in our liturgy and all who serve us through music
Pray for more people to come to [return to] faith recognising God as King and Lord*

Let the sea and all within it thunder;
the world, and those who dwell in it.
Let the rivers clap their hands.

*Thank God for the waters of baptism and reflect on your baptismal promises
Pray for all people, created in God's image, that they may become who he wants them to be*

The hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the LORD, for he comes.
He comes to judge the earth.

*Pray for all of God's creation that human beings will act so as to ensure its healthy future
Ask forgiveness of God for all the human race has done which has harmed the earth*

He will judge the world with justice,
and the peoples with fairness.

*Pray for all who work in the justice system that they will serve with fairness
Reflect how fair and just we are in our own lives and dealings with people*

Sunday 23 November 2025 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 122(121):1-2. 3-4a. 4b-5. *Rcf.1*

LET US GO REJOICING TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.

I rejoiced when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

*Rejoice that we are invited to celebrate the eucharist together in God's house
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, the house of the Lord for people of many faiths*

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD.
As it is decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
There were set the thrones for judgement,
the thrones of the house of David.

*Pray for respect and reverence among the Abrahamic faiths and all human beings.
Pray that one day all people will give thanks to God's holy name*

Sunday 30 November 2025 1st Sunday of Advent

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 122(121):1-2. 3-4a. 8-9. *R* cf. 1

LET US GO REJOICING TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.

I rejoiced when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Recognise that we will fill this season of Advent with joyful anticipation

Pray that we will make Advent journey together focussing on the true meaning of Christmas

Jerusalem is built as a city
bonded as one together.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
as it is decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
There were set the thrones for judgement,
the thrones of the house of David.

Thank God for the ways in which you are bonded with others by faith, family, friendship
Thank God then for those with whom you are bonded by Christian faith

For the peace of Jerusalem pray,
'May they prosper, those who love you.'
May peace abide in your walls,
and security be in your towers.

Pray for peace, naming places and situations which are in your mind

Pray Christ, the prince of peace, to bring calm to all who feel in secure

For the sake of my family and friends,
let me say, 'Peace upon you.'
For the sake of the house of the LORD, our God,
I will seek good things for you.

Name and pray for your family and friends

Commit yourself to some good things to support your Advent journey