

***Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way***

October 16, 2016

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 121

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8



Pray, and Don't Give Up. Object: None.

One day Jesus told a story about a woman who went to a judge and said, "My rights are being violated. Protect me!" At first, the judge refused to do anything, but the woman kept asking him. Finally, he said, "This woman is driving me crazy. I'm going to see that she gets justice because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!"

After Jesus finished the story, he said, "Learn a lesson from the judge. Even he gave a fair decision in the end. So don't you think that God will step in and help his children when they keep on crying out for help? Won't he stick up for them? I assure you, he will".

Have you ever found yourself in a situation when life was so hard that you just wanted to give up? Maybe you were having trouble with your schoolwork. Perhaps you and a friend had a disagreement and you just couldn't seem to work it out. Or, maybe one of your classmates is bullying you.

What Jesus wants us to learn from this story that he told, is that God, our Heavenly Father, loves us. He wants what is best for us and he has the wisdom to know what is best. But don't forget, he likes to hear us ask, not just once, but again and again. He doesn't want us to ask once and then give up!

Remember to ask your Heavenly Father to help you when you have a problem that makes you want to give up.

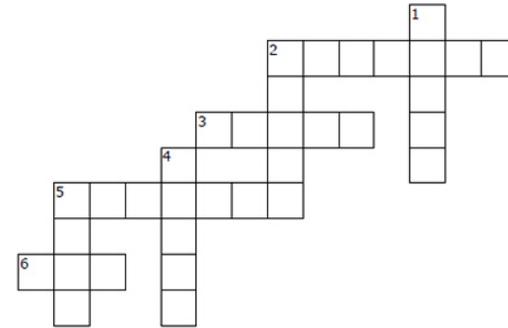
Let us pray.

Father, we know that you hear us when we pray and you answer in the way that is best for us. Help us to trust in you and never give up. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. The word of God is living and active, able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia (Hebrew 4:12)

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 2. To be treated fairly
- 3. A woman whose husband has died and who has not remarried
- 5. A simple story illustrating a moral or religious lesson
- 6. The period from sunrise to sunset (light)

DOWN

- 1. The period between sunset and sunrise (darkness)
- 2. An official who hears and decides cases brought before a court of law
- 4. A belief that does not require proof
- 5. To speak to or make a request to God

justice	night	pray	widow
faith	day	judge	parable

PRAYING HANDS SILHOUETTE: Have the child trace a picture of folded hands onto black paper and cut it out. Glue it onto lighter colored construction paper and have the child trace or draw letters of their own for a title of PRAYER CHANGES THINGS.

PRAYER CIRCLE: Have the family form a circle and say sentence prayers or even single WORD prayers. Suggest a topic and take turns around the circle to pray that way. Example: Thank you Jesus for _____; or Let's Praise Jesus for _____; or Jesus we just want to pray for _____; This is an awesome and fun way to show your family that PRAYING is just talking to Jesus.



PRAISE THANKSGIVING

KEEP ON PRAYING AND NEVER GIVE UP.

LUKE 18:1-8

