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Go “back to school” with this prayer by St. Clement of Alexandria



Philip Kosloski - published on 08/18/19 - updated on 08/02/23

The prayer reminds us to follow Jesus, the Divine Teacher, and be like children when we strive to follow in his footsteps.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3). Unfortunately, we often gloss over that passage, as our experience with children isn't always pleasant and our memories of being a child remind us of our many mistakes.

However, one way to interpret this passage is to recall how young children are **often eager and willing to learn**. They want to soak up all the information they can get and ask countless questions (which often annoys many parents and teachers!). Yet, they have a profound capacity to receive knowledge and instruction, which later in life we often reject.

It is a tendency among adults to quit learning at a certain point, and never go any deeper, especially in one's faith life. We end up trying to solve **65-year-old problems with a faith that has never passed elementary school**.

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St. Clement of Alexandria wrote extensively on God being a "tutor" or "teacher," from whom we should eagerly learn the essentials of life. **It requires a great deal of humility to go "back to school,"** and let God teach us how to live a moral life.

Below is a brief prayer from Clement's book *The Paedagogus* that expresses this spirituality of being a student, with Christ as our benevolent teacher. Let us never grow too old to learn and "become like children" in our eagerness to learn about the faith.

Feed us, the children, as sheep. Master, fill us with righteousness. O Instructor, feed us on your holy mountain the Church, which towers aloft, which is above the clouds, which touches heaven. Let us, O children of the good Father — nurslings of the good Instructor — fulfill the Father's will, listen to the Word, and take on the impress of the truly saving life of our Savior; and meditating on the heavenly mode of life according to which we have been deified, let us anoint ourselves with the perennial immortal bloom of gladness— that ointment of sweet fragrance — having a clear example of immortality in the walk and conversation of the Lord; and following the footsteps of God, to whom alone it belongs to consider, and whose care it is to see to, the way and manner in which the life of men may be made more healthy.

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Prayer for Protection from Hurricanes

*God, Our Father, Creator and Lord of the universe,
you have set the earth on its foundation
and all the elements of nature obey your command.
We humbly beseech you to keep us safe
from all dangers and calm the storm
that threatens us.*

*May we be secure in Your loving protection
and serve you always with grateful hearts.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever.
Amen.*

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8:00 AM - Mass
8:30 AM - Beginning Adoration
5:30 PM - Rosary Recitation
6:00 PM - Exposition and Adoration
7:00 PM - Adoration Ends for the Day



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August 17, 2025

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 | Heb 12:1-4 | Lk 12:49-53

Written by
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today's readings acknowledge the real challenges of living our faith. Following Christ will sometimes put us at odds with others – an uncomfortable reality that many will face in our broken and divided world. Yet we can find strength knowing that Jesus understands the constant opposition (both inward and outward) that we face. The second reading says, "Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners." Jesus knows what it's like to face opposition, but he endured it "for the sake of the joy that lay before him." That is our calling too. We are made to know the joy that awaits us beyond our crosses. We find the strength to persevere through our trials by "keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus." Keeping Christ as our focus, we will be able to overcome any obstacle we may face and run toward the goal of heaven.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In today's Gospel, Jesus said, "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing." Jesus' desire is that the whole world be set aflame with his love, and yet, he knows that this will not come easily. The good news is that Jesus is with us in the midst of the struggle. He too knows the deep longing and even anguish (the Gospel today uses that word!) that we experience as we work so that others may come to know God's love. We can take comfort in the fact that as much as we want to see others come to faith, God desires it even more than we do, and he is also pouring out his grace continually upon us. In the midst of any discouragement we may feel about those who seem opposed to God and to faith, may we remember the burning love that Christ has and his immense desire to draw all people to himself.

PRAY

Pray for those whom you may know who seem closed to the Gospel, or who are away from the Church. Invite the Holy Spirit to touch your heart with a particular love and zeal to pray for them, that those who may seem the most opposed to faith might come, one day, to embrace it.



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Office Hours

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Grief Support

At this time, individual/one-on-one *Grief Support* is available by calling Rachel at the church office.

Group support meetings will take place when a group is formed.

For more information call:
867-3663

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 16, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Patricia Dubois (liv)

Saturday, August 16 Vigil for Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Ladyne Handel (liv)

Sunday, August 17, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Tobias, Rose and John Weber (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Rosemary Brown (dec)

Monday, August 18, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Tim Ahern (dec)

Tuesday, August 19, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Christopher Cameron (liv)

Wednesday, August 20, Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, August 21, Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope

8:00 a.m. Jay Vanderbeck (liv)

Friday, August 22, Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Gertrude B. Murray (dec)

Saturday, August 23, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Joseph Marchese, Sr. and Thomas Giardini (dec)

Saturday, August 23 Vigil for Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Dorothy Jackson (liv)

Sunday, August 24, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Joseph Ciminera, Sr. (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Nick Calandra (dec)

Let's go to ROME!



St. Peter's in Vatican City, along with a concert in St. Ignatius Church in Rome.

Mark your calendars for a parish meeting about the trip on Thursday, September 4 at 6:30 pm in the church. You may sing with the festival choir on this trip with a nominal rehearsal commitment. You do not need to read music, only have the desire to take this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa in the parish office at ext. 309 or email at lss@btsp.org.

DO YOU HEAR RINGING?????

I do! Are you ready to make beautiful music and create fun memories? Can you hold a handbell? Do you like to make beautiful music, laugh and have fun?

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We are forming a handbell ensemble! No experience is necessary, and you do not need to read music, just be willing to learn an easy notation system. Handbells are a beautiful way to enhance liturgy and become part of our growing Music Ministry.

Soon we will have a meeting about the where, when, and how, but in the meantime, please contact Lisa at lss@btsp.org, or by calling 727-867-3663, ext. 309.



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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Set the Earth on Fire

My wife can get so invested in a sporting event where one of her favorite teams is playing that she sometimes must leave the room due to the stress. That is heavy-duty investment! I remember her on the sidelines for our son's soccer games or our daughter's lacrosse games. Her emotions were intense, and she cheered loudly for her children. She never yelled at a referee because it wasn't about them. It was about wanting to see her children, or her favorite team, achieve something great. Her passion was fueled by love and her connectedness to something or someone.

When we look at our Church, we need to see greater passion. Sometimes that passion is there, but many times, we approach our discipleship as just another aspect of who we have become. It needs to be more than that. As we call ourselves Christian, we need to "put on Christ" so that a world in need sees not us, but Jesus. By being serious about our discipleship and living as transformed Everyday Stewards, we bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ.

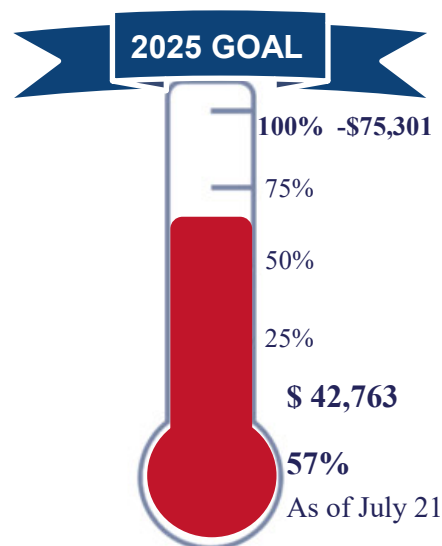
Jesus said in Luke 12, *"I have come to set the earth on fire."* Those words sound pretty emotional to me! If we are to be like him, then we need to set the earth on fire. We need to be bold and proclaim the Good News without apology. By our actions of love and justice, we need to show the world that with the Body of Christ on earth, it is not business as usual. Surely our emotions about these things should trump the emotions we have about a sporting event. We need to ask ourselves what truly sets us on fire.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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- Moffitt's Mole Patrol (skin)
- Mo-Bull Nurse Medical Clinic (cervical)

This second event of the WISE Initiative focuses on Breast Cancer. A Moffitt expert along with local partners will be onsite to provide cancer prevention education and resources about early detection, screening, and research advancements.

Thank you to our partners, Front Porch Community Development Association, Inc., the Childs Park Neighborhood Association, and the Childs Park Recreation Center for your willingness to support and make this event a success.



Sponsored by the **Kay Yow Cancer Fund**. The fund is a non-profit organization named after Hall of Fame coach, Kay Yow, established after losing her battle to cancer to raise funds and donate funds that support the efforts of local communities to eliminate barriers to care for under-resourced women.



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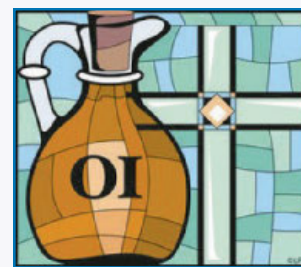
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