

*From me to you...*

Life is so unpredictable. What I mean by that is one day we can be happy and sad the next day, healthy one day and sick the next, successful and then troubled the next day, rich one day and poor the next, alive one day and dead the next. Let us ask, who is there to hold on to? Who is there to make us feel secure? Who is there to trust at all times? Only Jesus, the Christ.

In this time of fear, doubt, pain, and uncertainty, let us look at Jesus so we can see ourselves called to share in his suffering as well as in his glory. These past few Sundays we have reflected about the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan, the encounter between Jesus and the man born blind and this weekend the encounter of Jesus and the dead man Lazarus. After meeting Jesus, the three of them experienced new life.

This pandemic that our world is experiencing now has damaged, bruised, and destroy different aspects of our lives. Terrible things are happening every day as blasted in all TV channels all over the world. This is definitely paralyzing and depressing for many. But each of us has our own unique call, in our families, in our work, in our community, in our world. Let us keep praying and asking God to help us. All the time prayers can keep us confident in the midst of the turmoil. Let us be hopeful that after this there will be a new life for all. Let us all get down on our knees!

In connection with, let me share with you what I found in the Web, it may help us to realize what we can do for ourselves and others; L. O. C. K. D. O. W. N.

L - listen to God's voice. O - obey God's words and teachings. C - call on Jesus' name and stay calm. K- know what is the purpose of all these. D - dwell in his presence, don't panic. O - offer prayers for everyone's safety. W - wait and be patient. N - nurture our personal relationship with Him.

Lastly, let us continue asking God's care for all the doctors, nurses, medical staff, first responders, civic leaders, government, and police authorities all over the world that they may be guided in everything they do to protect and save lives. May God grant eternal peace to those who have died. Amen.

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