



The Serenity Prayer

*God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can;
And wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to
peace;
Taking, as He did, this sinful world
As it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right
If I surrender to His Will;
So that I may be reasonably happy in
this life
And supremely happy with Him
Forever and ever in the next. Amen.*

Serenity Prayer: How do I put this into practice?

Perseverance and successes aren't born out of good times. They are born out of trials. 1 Peter 4:12 says "...don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you." The Bible tells us that we will go through trials and going through them makes us stronger. In our times of weakness, we learn to rely on God's strength and He takes great delight when we trust in Him. We all desire to be needed and wanted; God wants this from us as well. He wants for us to turn to Him and trust Him.

Serenity Prayer: What does it mean?

The words have special meaning to those who are often "looking for peace" at a time of turmoil, despair, or uncertainty in their lives. This prayer has become closely associated with 12 Step programs, offering strength and calm in pursuit of a more stable life. First, through uttering these words, we are acknowledging God's existence and recognizing that He is truly the only one who can bring us inner peace regardless of chaotic circumstances. His wonderful presence in our lives brings 'serenity' that can be found nowhere else. There is a Bible verse that says the peace of God is beyond all human understanding. "His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:7). Until we allow the 'peace of God' to enter into our mind, heart, and soul, we will never experience that ultimate peace that defies the most severe circumstances in life. The prayer goes on to speak of accepting, courage, and wisdom. It all comes down to asking and allowing God to give us these things. In other words, it is surrendering to Him. The second part reminds us that our trust needs to be in God to work things out and recognizing that we usually don't have any real control over hardships in this sinful world or the actions of others. Trust Him and live one day at a time, enjoying each moment.

We don't always understand the "why" of things that happen. Jer 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." And in Hbr 13:5, God says He will never leave us or forsake us. He is always there for us if we come to Him. Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ..." (Mt 11:29-30).

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17th August 2014 (A)

20th Ordinary Sunday

1ST READING: Isaiah 56:1. 6-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

2ND READING: Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: St Matthew 15:21-28

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Sat. Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 9:30am & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 7:30am

Wed: 6pm

Fri: 9:15am

Sat: 9:15am (Sthn Cross Hostel)

HOLY HOUR: Wed: 5pm

RECONCILIATION:

Wed: 5:15 – 5:45pm

Sat: 4:15 – 4:45pm

BAPTISMS:

Sundays 9:30am Mass

BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME & WEDDINGS:

By appointment

ANOINTING MASS:

Quarterly: 1st weekend

1ST SAT OF EACH MONTH:

11am Mass in honour of Our Lady.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:

100% tax deductible. Please join by contacting parish office.

FAITH FORMATION:

Sundays 3:30pm (in presbytery)

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am to 2:30pm

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat Vigil: Sam Fayad (thanksgiving) **Mon:** Ong Che Yung (for good trip)
Sun 8am: Ong Che Yung (for good trip) **Tue:** Sam Fayad (good health & wisdom)
Sun 9:30am: †Jenny Yong **Thu:** Ong Che Yung
Sun 5pm: †John Bevan

OUR SICK: *Marie Busuttill, Pat Raby, Mollie Burgess, Patricia Flannery, Josephine Helback, Joy Williams, Moira Butler and Alan Sargeant...*

Foley Gardens Self-care Retirement Village – waiting list available. Please call Fr. Jerzy on 93491292 or 0411125357 for further details.

Happy Birthdays to: Mona Massoud (17th) and Cath Findlay (21st)



Our deepest sympathies and sincere condolences to **Joe De Andrade, Maria Nunes** and their families on the passing of their dearly beloved 104yrs old mother, **Maria Jose** last Sunday. Requiem Mass will be held in our Parish on **Monday 18th Aug. at 10:30am**. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

We welcome our First Holy Communion children and their families to their Commitment Mass and 1st lesson this weekend.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS: 1) **Class Mass: Fri 22nd Aug: Yr 2; Fri 29th Aug: Yr 1. 2) Centenary Performance: The Power of the Dream: Wed 10th Sept @ 7pm at 'The Juniors'.** All tickets (\$15pp-no concession) now available from the Parish School.

Fundraising Bake Sale: this weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The next Quarterly Memorial Mass at Botany Cemetery will be held on Sat 13th Sept at 11am at the Crematorium South Chapel. All welcome.

Men's Discernment Retreat: 13th – 14th Sept at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd. Please RSVP for catering purposes to Sr Anthony Mary on 9390 5970 or email sr.anthony.mary@sydneycatholic.org.

Aquinas Academy "The Second Rosemary Goldie Lecture" with Professor Mary McAleese will be held on Sun 7th Sept at Svdnev Town Hall. For details. please see noticeboard.

This weekend: Vigil: J Haggart (A) P Low, G Hage (R) F & G Hogan (C) Thomas W (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) V Meyer, R Wijaya (R) P Chen, R Houghton (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) I Lie, J Lie (R) I Tjahjadi (C) A Burton (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A), L Adi, A Fernandez (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** J De Andrade, M Wells

Next weekend: Vigil: J Haggart (A) F & G Hogan (R) M Wong, J Yong (C) Thomas W (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) A Brinck, F De Andrade (R) G Gates, A Brinck (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) I Tjahjadi, Darlene T (R) S Pedisich, I Lie (C) A Burton (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A), A Baby, R John (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** G Hage, V Hage

(Again on a different kind of prayer.) Spiritual warfare is one thing in the daytime. But have you ever felt like you waged it at night -- in fact during your sleep? Doubtless, we all have. You may have encountered it as "nightmares." You may have awoken with the sense of a presence... Dark thoughts may enter your head. Says a deliverance author named Alisha Anderson, "It is important to make sure you are protected. I cannot overstress the importance. Again, if you are conducting spiritual warfare you should pray prayers of protection over yourself and your family before going to sleep... Praying before sleep is of obvious importance. During sleep we're in a "twilight" state during which it often seems like the mind journeys beyond the physical. Sometimes, it feels like a special time of communion -- as if the soul needs to be refreshed by the spirit, as the body at rest is also refreshed. Many find their sleep interrupted. Alisha calls "dream invaders")."But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away," says *Matthew* 13:25. The enemy plants evil seeds thoughts that can affect us the next day, and for days to come. If we are having recurring dreams that are unpleasant, or wake up anxious, or simply too often, we need to ask the Holy Spirit why that is and pray to purge it to cancel any hold (use the word "cancel" in prayer) and break the cycle. Thus also: praying immediately upon rising. Praising God and Jesus and thanking Them as we fall to sleep sends darkness away. Holy Water never hurts. At night, the mind opens to the spiritual realities around us. No need to fear, just to practice due diligence in everything, which means prayer.

Other Notices: ☛ **University of Notre Dame Open Day:** 9am-3pm, Sat 31st Aug with Mass at 9am, 104 Broadway, Ultimo. For more info: www.notredame.edu.au/openday/sydney/.
☛ **"THE FRANCIS EFFECT" – Australian Premiere Screening.** The Archdiocese is proud to host the Australian Premiere screening of *The Francis Effect* next Tuesday 19 Aug, 7:00pm at Event Cinemas, George St Sydney. This insightful documentary shows the impact and reception of Pope Francis from across the world, since his election in March 2013. You won't want to miss out on this great night out! Tickets can be purchased online at www.sydneycatholic.org/thefranciseffect. A poster with information is attached.
☛ **Learn More About Your Catholic Faith in Term 3** at CAEC Sydney. A weekend intensive, **Getting to Know Pope Francis: His Life, Writings & Spirituality** will be held on 13th & 14th Sept. For more info, visit www.cace.com.au.