



National Charismatic Friday Fasting  
And Prayers (6am - 12pm)

## EXHIBITING A VIOLENT FAITH

*Scriptural Reading:*  
**Mk. 11: 21-23**

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**O**ne of the most misunderstood passages of the Bible is: “Since the time of John the Baptist, the kingdom of God has suffered violence, and only the violent take it by force” (Matt. 11:12). This quote is often used as the basis or justification for prayers that spring from hatred and insecurity, making 'Christians' desire evil upon people that they don't like. Yet a correct understanding of this passage reveals something different, something much more profound: faith and relationship with God require a different kind of violence; violence to the self. It is the violence that refuses to indulge the flesh but subdues it so that it can conform to God's will. It is this kind of violence that frees the soul for the radical fight and exploits of faith, producing the fruits of sanctity, revelation and wonders. Are you ready, dear reader, to do violence to your flesh so that your spirit can soar?



### **MEDITATION:**

Is my faith propelling me to radically sacrifice my self-interest? Am I ready to exercise my faith in an exceptional way?



### **STRATEGIC PRAYER POINTS**

1. Pray for the gift of a radical faith.
2. Ask God for the grace to subdue the flesh so that the spirit can rise.
3. Pray for strength as you do violence to everything in you that rebels against God.
4. Pray for the leaders of the Church and of the Charismatic Renewal for the grace of humility in service.
5. Pay now against the spread of corona virus pandemic
6. Say the prayers to St. Michael and St. Jude in pages 101 and 103
7. Present your private intentions to God
8. Say your daily prophetic prayers (page 6).

## **DAILY PROPHETIC PRAYERS**

1. Lord God of Power and Might you are worthy of my praise and adoration from generation to generation. We thank and praise your Holy name for what you have done, what you are doing and for what you are about to do.
2. Oh Lord, as you delivered Israel from captivity so you will surely deliver me.
3. As you delivered Daniel from the den of lions you will surely deliver me.
4. As you delivered Paul and Silas, I know you will surely break the prison bars and set me free.
5. Do not let the power of darkness reign over me.
6. Do not abandon me to the power of the grave
7. Do not let people ask me; "where is your God?"
8. Oh Lord Jesus, touch me one more time and heal, save and set me free.
9. Breath life upon me that I may live, become fruitful and prosper in all ramifications.
10. I will serve you in truth and Spirit all the days of my life. and nations shall praise you for your goodness in my life.

In the most powerful name of Jesus, Amen.

### **PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL AGAINST THE FORCES BEHIND COVID - 19.**

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

### **WE PRAY WITH ST JUDE THE PATRON OF DIFFICULT CASES AGAINST THE SPREAD OF CORONA VIRUS**

O most holy apostle, Saint Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honoureth and invoceth thee universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, and of things almost despaired of. Pray for me, who am so miserable. Make use, I implore thee, of that particular privilege accorded to thee, to bring visible and speedy help where help was almost despaired of. Come to mine assistance in this great need, that I may receive the consolation and succor of Heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly... (insert your prayer request here, especially the menace of COVID - 19 Pandemic) ...and that I may praise God with thee and all the elect throughout eternity.

I promise thee, O blessed Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favour, to always honour thee as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to thee.

Amen.

