

PHILIP THE EVANGELIST AND THE GRACE OF DIVINE DIRECTION

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Scriptural Reading: Acts 8: 26 - 33

ransponder' is a receiving and transmitting device in a communication or broadcast satellite that relays the signals it receives back to earth. You may be wondering why I am talking about this device here but I just want to reflect on Philip the Evangelist. Being on the run because of the persecution in Jerusalem, he did not go hiding but continued to spread the gospel. Also, being open to the Holy Spirit, he heard and obediently yielded to the Spirit's instructions to join an Ethiopian Eunuch in his Chariot. This led to the Eunuch's conversion and Philip was immediately relocated to another place of need - Azotus. What do we learn from Philip? (i) As evangelizers, we receive and transmit messages meant for particular people. (ii) We must be open to the Holy Spirit, to know our mission lands. (iii) We must be ready for translocation to fallow grounds.



MEDITATION:

Where exactly is your mission field?

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STRATEGIC PRAYER POINTS:

- 1. Lord help me to locate my mission field.
- 2. By your grace, O Lord, let me be obedient to you instructions
- 3. Lord like Philip, bring to my path your herald of good news
- 4. Pray for the church and her leaders, the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Nigeria at prayer group, deanery, diocesan, provincial and national levels.
- 5. Present your private intentions to God
- 6. Say your daily Prophetic prayer (page 6)

DAILY PROPHETIC PRAYERS

Oh Lord God of power and might we praise and thank you for your goodness and mercy in my life. I acknowledge that you are the only one true God and the Almighty who can do all things, who knows all things and who is everywhere at the same time.

I beseech you Lord to show me your mercy and forgiveness, I have sinned against you through my thoughts, words and actions. Through your sacrificial death on the cross I receive mercy and boldness to approach your throne of grace.

Let the precious blood of Jesus wash me and make me whiter than snow. Heal me oh Lord by your wounds that I may be totally restored.

I receive your Grace to rise above every limitation.

I receive your Grace to move from Glory to Glory. I proclaim my total freedom in the mighty name of Jesus.

I shall testify the goodness of God in the land of the living in the most powerful name of Jesus.

I shall not die but live to declare the goodness of God I shall not be put to shame for the Lord is by my side. I shall glorify the Lord all the days of my life.

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 invoketh 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.