

OCTOBER 5, 2014



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ISAIAH 5:1-7

PSALM 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-9

MATTHEW 21:33-43

REFLECTION

You may want to pray because you're sad or in need, or because you're lonely. Maybe you're concerned about a particular situation in your life or the life of someone close to you. You might pray because it's a habit you have or because it's a habit you want to develop. Maybe you're grateful and want to thank God. There are as many different reasons to pray as there are ways in which to pray. Going to Mass is the most important way to pray as a Catholic. But you can also pray the Rosary or go to Eucharistic adoration. You can read the Bible, or do *Lectio Divina*, sing, dance, spend time in nature, listen to music, sit in silence—in other words, you've got lots of options! In today's reading from Philippians, Paul promises peace to those who pray. We know that prayer helps us grow stronger in our relationship with God. So what are you waiting for? Go pray!



There are also many Rosary apps available for the iPhone, iPad, Android phones, and the Kindle. The iRosary is available through iTunes.

ACTION

Pray in a way you haven't before. Bring a friend to Mass. Pray the Rosary before going to bed or just thank God for all the blessings he's given you.

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

● Jesus compares the religious leaders to bad tenants who will meet a bad end because they have not cared for God's vineyard. Paul tells us how to avoid that fate—strive to be admirable, decent, honest, virtuous. What are some ways you can strive for these things?

● Have you ever prayed the Serenity Prayer? It is a simple but powerful prayer:

*God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can, and
the wisdom to know the difference.*

● What are the things you can change? What are the things you need to accept?