



THE WORD IS THE QUEEN OF THE WORLD (AUT. 449)

Jesus said to his disciples: "No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span? Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith? So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil."

Mt 6: 24-34

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Word of God is the primary
of our spirituality
(Sourcebook 37)

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A COMMENTARY TO THE SUNDAY
GOSPEL FOR AND FROM
LAY CLARETIANS



REFLECTIONS TO FEED OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD



"God has for each one of us an existential project (human vocation) and gives him the necessary strength so that he can freely realize that project of love." (Sourcebook) God, with his gratuitous love, encourages us to In our unbridled search for the satisfaction of needs, the human being leaves aside the true God, and puts himself at the service of other gods, such as money, pleasure, the power. The Gospel touches a nuclear issue: Trust in God our Father, the Father who is never far from us and who knows and knows all our needs. Jesus praises the generosity of the Father's love. The love that cares to care for smaller creatures like the lilies of the field. Providential love. Jesus is telling us a way of life. Of course we have concerns, commitments, responsibilities. But it is not an invitation to passivity or self-indulgence, but to trust. We have a Providence Father who loves us freely and gives us everything we need. "When we understand that life is a gift of God, pure gratuitousness", as lay Claretians, missionary disciples of Jesus, we have the obligation to defend all life: human, animal and vegetable, without conditions. Where there is fraternity, where God reigns as the only Lord, no one will be without food or what to wear. Let us follow the example of birds, lilies and all creation. Let us live in peace in the certainty that our God is compassionate and loving and caring for our complete happiness now and forever.

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REFLECTIONS TO FEED OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD



The Lay Claretian are Christians who try to fulfill the mission of Jesus in the world, to live the demands of the Kingdom and to give the Church a service of evangelization according to the charism and spirit of St. Anthony Mary Claret. Always within our secular identity. The Lay Claretians, we not only have a mission, but we are mission. Therefore, we are missionaries, called to be salt of the earth and light of the world. With our life rooted in Jesus Christ, we are his missionary disciples who, through our witness of life, try to give flavor to the world and the light. Pope Francis asks us to be an outgoing Church. Our mission is expressed and performed in actions for which we offer ourselves in the service to which God has called us. "Woe to me if I did not evangelize!" As a candle consumed by the light, following Claret's example, let us have the boldness and courage to abandon comfort and let us, with confidence in the hands of God, be instrumental in the project of salvation. Let us strive, therefore, for a more just, fraternal and united world.

IT IS THE WORD OF LIFE (AUT. 450)

PRAYER FROM THE WORD

"Where there is the Holy Spirit, there is freedom" (2 Corinthians 3:17). Our spirituality, like that of Claret, is based on the certainty that God walks with us. Respond to the call of the Father, following Christ, (Cf Sourcebook) Father, center our whole life in the search for your Kingdom and your justice. May faith in your Providence (in a world valuing the accumulation of goods) teach us to be Lay Claretian of hope, bearers of the Joy of the Gospel and to trust totally in the gratuitousness of Love. Mary, Mother of Divine Grace, Cover us with his protective mantle and form us always in his heart.

