

EMMANUEL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT ENCOUNTER

THURSDAY ~ MAY 7 ~ DAY 5

Today's theme is *prayer*. Communion and union with God, find its origin and culmination in this intimate relationship known as prayer. We build a firm foundation in the Lord when we are people of prayer.

Reflection/Discussion Questions

Who first taught you to pray?

What is your prayer routine like- how often, what type, how long, kneel/sit/stand?

What does prayer mean to you?

Have you ever had a powerful experience of prayer, when and what brought this about?

How is prayer like communication?

What do you do when your prayer is dry?

Scripture passages to read, and spend some time in silence with:

John 15:5 ~ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

1 Thessalonians 3:8 ~ For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord.

Galatians 5:1 ~ For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

1 Corinthians 5:58 ~ Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Romans 12:2 ~ Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Devotional Prayer

A prayer for the Pope~ O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; Grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Activity

On Thursday, at World Youth Day, the Holy Father arrives and is welcomed. People line the streets, wave flags, and boast of their nationality as he approaches the stage. Once in front of the crowd, he welcomes the pilgrims from all over the world. Pope Francis, in his great love for the Young Church, recently released a document about the young Church~ *Christus Vivit*. Take sometime today to read it in its entirety or to sample some quotes.

WORLD YOUTH DAY FACTS FOR THE DAY

YEAR- 2011 LOCATION- MADRID, SPAIN

ATTENDANCE- 2 MILLION THEME- FIRM IN THE FAITH

HOLY FATHER- POPE BENEDICT

SCRIPTURE- "ROOTED AND BUILT UP IN JESUS CHRIST, FIRM IN THE FAITH."

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