

Friday, December 11, 2020

Friday of the Second Week of Advent

*Saint Damasus I, Pope*

Jesus' concluding words in the Gospel today, "But wisdom is vindicated by her works", is the truth. Isaiah again gives us the Lord's word: "I, the Lord your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go." Thus, we believe in what we pray in today's psalm: Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life." If we live by faith, we know that everything that happens in our lives is for our good, even the challenges and hardships we find difficult to accept at times. Looking at the crucifix reminds us that we are following the Lord and His Way. The work of God is about love and salvation. Advent teaches us to wait patiently for the Lord, for He is coming, no matter what our situation may be. Today's saint knew that the task of translating the Scriptures, which he assigned to St. Jerome, would take time; Pope Damasus would not see the completed work but it would be accomplished in God's good time. May we also pray that everything will be done according to God's will and in His good time! Saint Damasus, pray for us!

God Love You!

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## Pope Damasus Poem

- "If you are looking for, know that here lies a host of the Blessed. The venerable sepulchres enclose the bodies of the Saints, but the royal palace of heaven carried off to itself their sublime souls. Here lie the companions of Sixtus who bear the trophies won from the enemy. Here the group of the elders who keep guard of the altars of Christ. Here the bishop who lived through the long peace. Here the holy Confessors sent to us from Greece. Here the young men and children, the old men and their chaste nephews who preferred to keep their virgineal purity. Here too, I, Damasus, confess I would have liked to have been buried were it not for fear of vexing the holy ashes of the Blessed".*

