

Monday, March 1, 2021
Monday of the Second Week of Lent

More inspiration to pray this Lent, as we listen to Daniel's prayer at today's Mass. A prayer of repentance. The men and women in Scripture are our models who teach us how to pray through their own prayers! The Psalms are the best of prayers and the "Our Father" is the greatest prayer, taught by our Savior Himself! Jesus gives us important words in the Gospel, which will help us make our prayer efficacious. If we judge another or think we are better than others, this hinders our prayers from even being heard by God. That is why Jesus says, "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." If we want to receive forgiveness, we should also be willing to forgive. "For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." When the people in Jesus' time went to market, they often used their garments (a mantle or some piece of clothing) as receptacles for the grains of wheat or barley to make the flour for bread; "a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap." God is generous, especially in mercy. May we be grateful and let merciful generosity overflow from our hearts!

God Love You!

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