



COURAGE

HOW ARE YOU CALLED TO BE COURAGEOUS THIS WEEK?



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

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

Amen

*Courage is the magic
that turns dreams
into reality.*

- Aster & Richter Abend



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

When we think of courage we often think of someone who accomplishes a brave and daring deed. Rescuing someone or taking part in a death-defying stunt. Every day there are incidents in our life where we need courage. When we do face up to a difficult task we experience a wave of peacefulness.

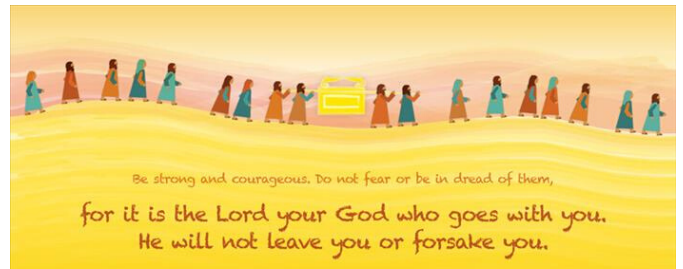
Courage has its reward.

WORD OF THE WEEK



With God's protection and guidance, we should be able to conquer our fears and live a life full of determination. It is God that commands us to have courage, for that means having faith and confidence in Him. Through readings in the bible, we can find the courage God desires us to have.

Here is a piece of scripture from Deuteronomy, a book in the Old Testament. And in this reading we hear great advice about why we should be courageous.



Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them,
for it is the Lord your God who goes with you.
He will not leave you or forsake you.

DEUTERONOMY 31: 6-8

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."


Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the Lord swore to their ancestors to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance. The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

LIVING COURAGEOUSLY!

HAVE COURAGE!

Pick a day in your planner, a day coming up in the weeks before we finish for Christmas.

Write down on that day a message/motto that will remind you to be courageous that day. This message should be advice and encouragement to yourself to be courageous no matter what that day or week holds.



YOU ARE DEFINED BY
COURAGE,
WHICH IS ACTUALLY PART OF
GOD'S ORIGINAL DESIGN FOR YOU.



TAKE A LOOK

Head over to the staff shared area to watch a short video about Aid to the Church in Need and the courageous people they help.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED



Aid to the Church in Need supports some very courageous people; people all around the world who witness to their faith but are persecuted for it. ACN offers help to Christians all over the world that are persecuted because they stand up for what they believe in and their right to practise their faith.

RED WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 27th November is Red Wednesday. It is a day of prayer and awareness raising about those persecuted and denied basic human rights because of their faith, because they are Christian.

Keep an eye out around school next week to learn more about Red Wednesday and see how you can help!

"Surely in this day and age, it is unacceptable that someone should be denied work, housing, liberty- or even lose their life- because of their religious belief? Yet this is what is happening in so many parts of the world."



During the Second World War, **Father Maximilian Kolbe** gave shelter to thousands of Polish people, both Christians and Jews. Risking his life.

On February 17, 1941, he was caught and sent to a prison. A guard who noticed he was dressed like a priest said to him, "Do you believe in Christ?"

Father Kolbe answered, "Yes, I do." The guard hit him in the face and asked again. Father Kolbe kept giving the same answer, and the guard kept beating him.

After that, Father Kolbe was given a striped convict's uniform and the number 16670.

He was sent to a concentration camp, where he endured very hard work and beatings that almost killed him. When food was brought in, he let others take their share first. Sometimes there was nothing left for him.

One day a prisoner escaped from the camp. To punish the rest of the prisoners, the officers said 10 men would be killed. They were to be thrown in a pit and left to die. The guards chose the 10 men. As the men were gathered, one cried out, "My wife, my children! I shall never see them again!" From the watching crowd, another prisoner stepped forward.

"I will take his place," he said.

It was Father Kolbe, prisoner 16670. While they were in the pit, Father Kolbe led the nine other men in prayer and song. The depths of that pit sounded like a church full of people. No one had heard anything like it in the prison before. Father Kolbe prayed and suffered bravely, as Jesus did. He gave his life for another, and he lifted the spirits of the other nine men who died.

After his death, the news of Father Kolbe's great love spread to the whole world. In 1982, he was made a saint.