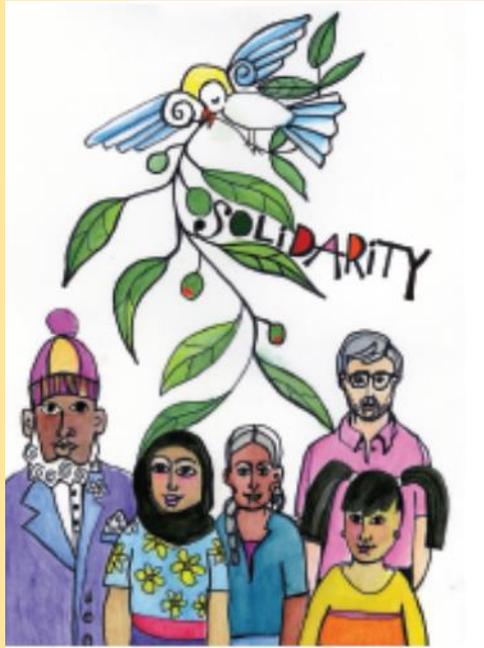


# Prayer & Reflection



Week beginning: **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

**Justice & Peace = (Solidarity in Catholic Social Teaching)**  
**Sunday Gospel – Jesus and the End of Times warning**

# The Wednesday Word

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You are invited to 10 minutes of prayer and reflection every Wednesday.

Join Jonathan Roumie (Jesus- The Chosen), Jeff Cavins, Mark Wahlberg, Chris Pratt and Gwen Stefani as we reflect on the Gospel on the day.

**8am**

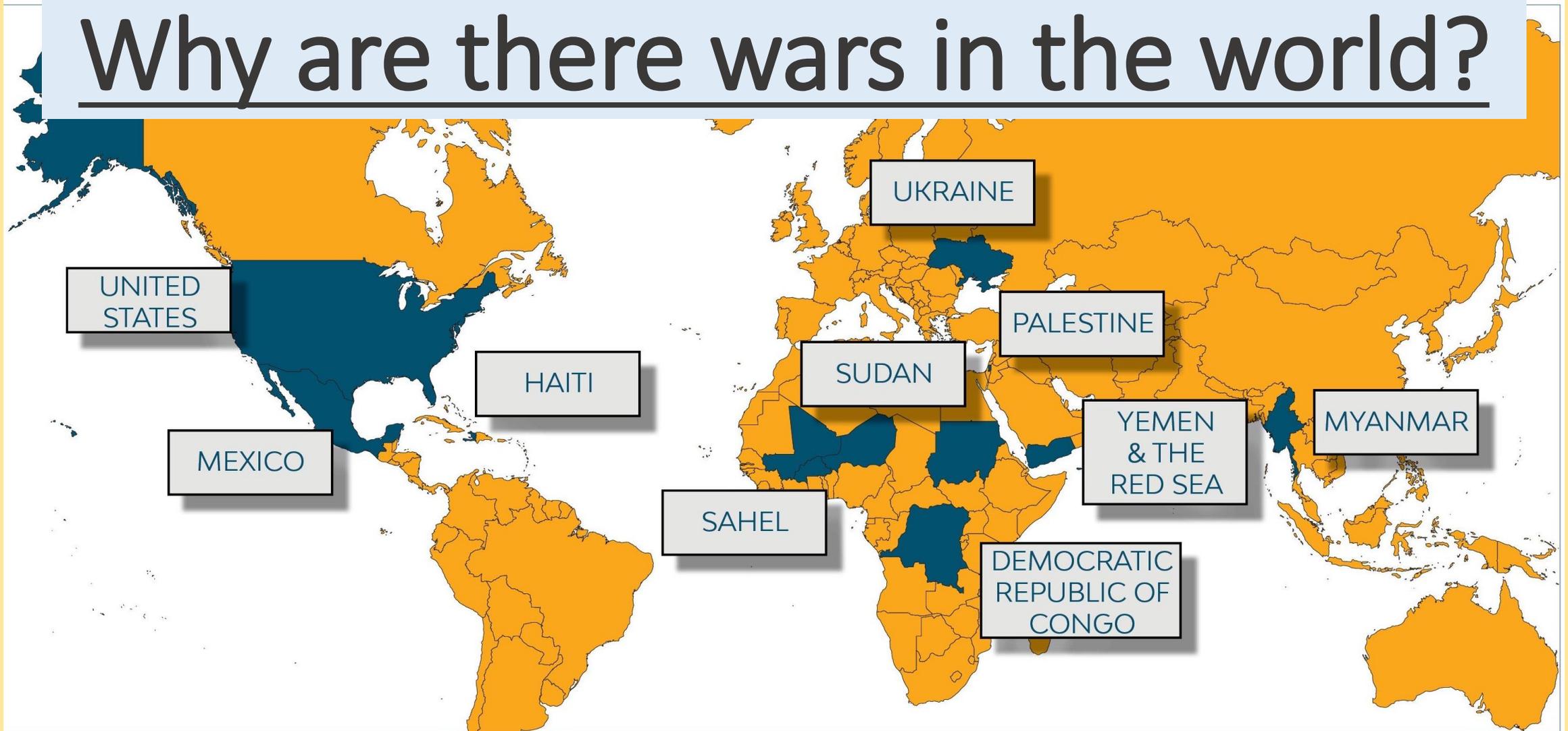
**12:40pm (First lunch)**

**1:30pm (Second lunch)**

**Venue- School Chapel.**

This map shows some of the main parts of the world where there are conflicts, arguments and war.

# Why are there wars in the world?



There are many reasons why wars happen, including:

**Competition over land:** Countries may fight over land for a variety of reasons.

**Religious conflicts:** Religious disputes have been a cause of war throughout history.

**Nationalism:** Nationalism can intensify grievances and shape incentives, which can lead to civil war.

**Imperialism:** European powers competed for power in Europe and abroad, which contributed to tensions and conflicts.

**Alliance systems:** In World War I, the Allied and Central Powers were concerned about the perceived threat from the other side.

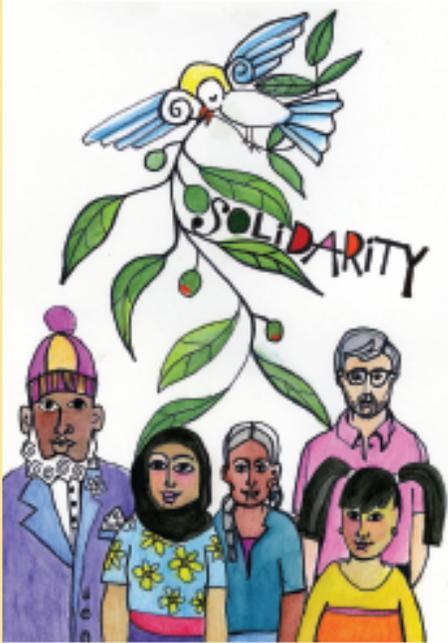
**Militarism:** The reliance on new weapons and the desire to solve international conflicts militarily played a role in the start of World War I.

**Other causes** of war include racism and slavery.

# Catholic Social Teaching

A key theme in Catholic Social Teaching is Solidarity – that we are ONE with our brothers and sisters across the world regardless of race, gender or ethnicity.

Jesus told us that the greatest commandment is to love thy neighbour, which means that we should aim to live in our world with justice and peace.



## SOLIDARITY

We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Blessed Pope Paul VI taught that "if you want peace, work for justice." <sup>1</sup> The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.

*Love* YOUR  
neighbor  
*as yourself.*  
MATTHEW 22:39





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FOR ME**

# Prayer for Solidarity, Justice and Peace

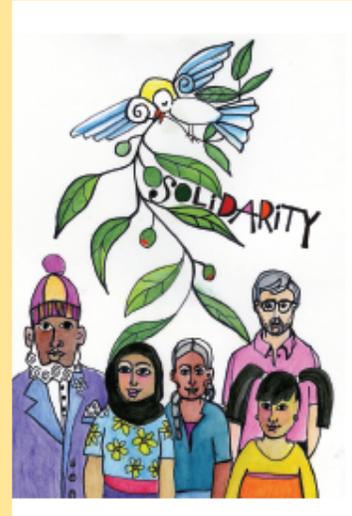
Loving God,  
You made us one human family,  
Each person precious in Your eyes.

Help us to stand together in solidarity,  
To care for those who are hurting,  
And to speak up for what is right.

Teach us to be peacemakers in our school,  
To treat others with fairness and respect,  
And to build a world where everyone belongs.

May our hearts be open,  
Our voices strong,  
And our actions full of love.  
Amen.

**St John the Apostle and Evangelist, pray for us. Amen.**



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**Gospel = 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
Jesus and the End of Times warning**



# THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL READING – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time,

## A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 21:5-19

While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, “All that you see here – the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down.”

Then they asked him, “Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?”

He answered, “See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he,’ and ‘The time has come.’ Do not follow them!

When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end.”

Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky.

“Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defence beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute.

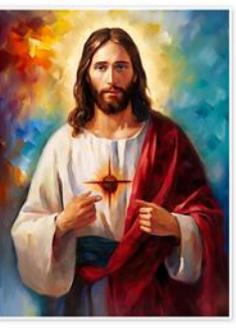
You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives.”

**Reader = the Gospel of the Lord.**

**RESPONSE = Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



# Explanation of this week's Gospel reading



In this week's gospel -there are THREE key messages:

- 1. Future Trials:** Jesus predicts the destruction of the temple and describes future hardships. He speaks of wars, disasters, and persecution that followers will face.
- 2. Faithfulness in Persecution:** Jesus promises to give wisdom to those who are persecuted for their faith. He assures them that they will be preserved if they endure these trials.
- 3. Perseverance:** Perseverance is highlighted in the Gospel as necessary for salvation. Those who stand firm in their faith will be saved.

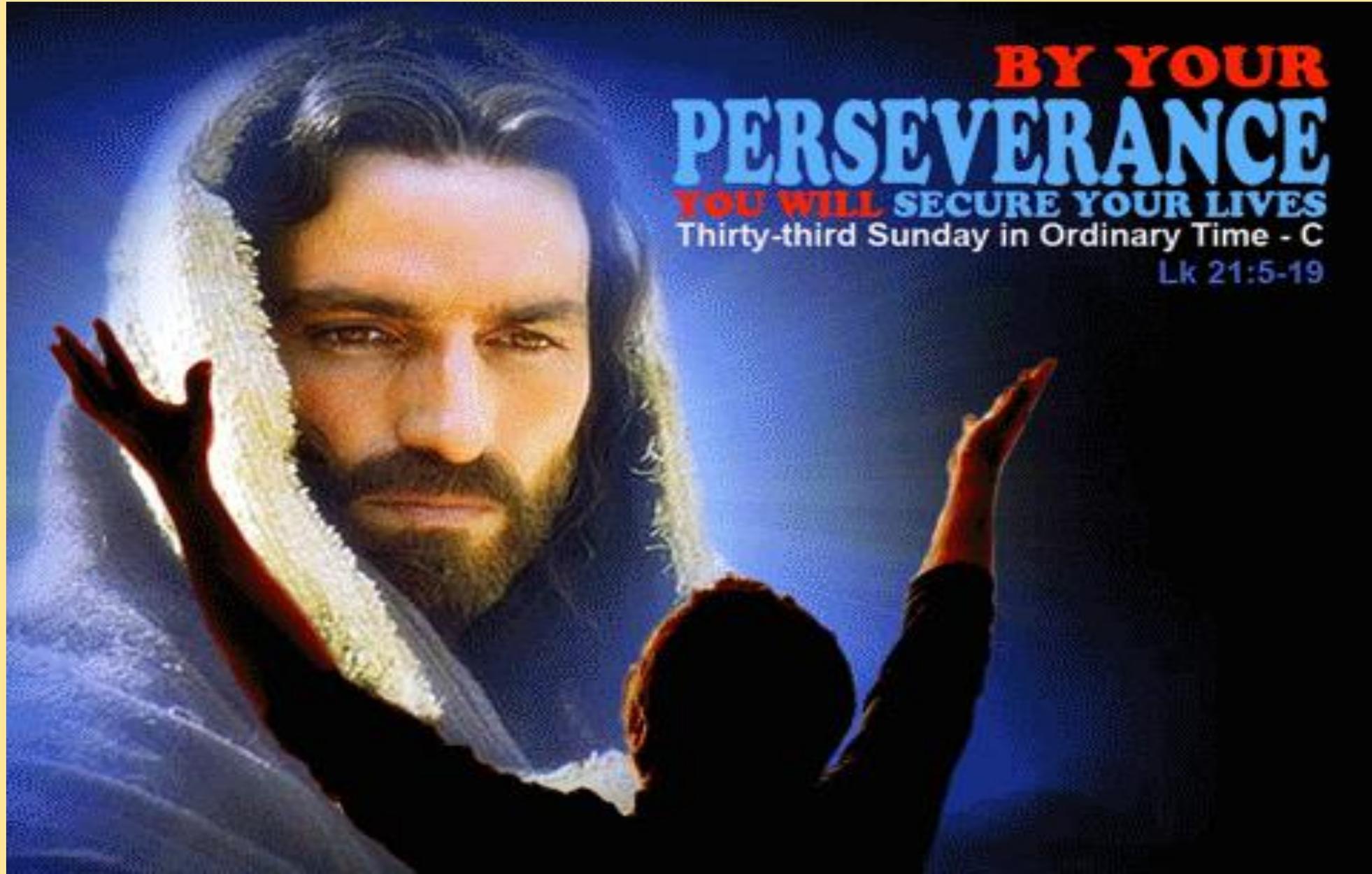


## REFLECTION TASK

The gospel reading encourages us to remain faithful and diligent in our work and faith. Jesus reminds us that despite the trials and hardships we face, God's justice and healing will prevail. This is a clear message for us today. Jesus wants us to stay calm and trust Him, to keep our faith, even when things go wrong.

Think about today, and this week, about the power of prayer to develop your faith and trust in Jesus.

# WORD OF THE WEEK



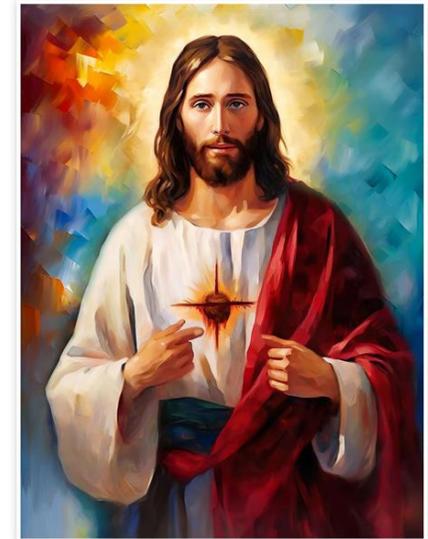


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# PRAYER – for Faith and Perseverance

- Lord Jesus,  
You remind us not to store up treasures for ourselves,  
But to be rich in what matters to God.
- Help us to trust in You more than in things.  
When life feels uncertain or difficult,  
Give us the strength and perseverance to keep going,  
And the faith to believe You are with us.
- Teach us to live with purpose,  
To care for others,  
And to never give up doing what is right.
- May our hearts stay strong in hope,  
And our lives reflect Your love.  
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