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A Warning to Politicians and the Selfish Rich! WILL YOUR SINS AGAINST THE POOR SEND YOU TO HELL?

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire. You have stored up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts as on a day of slaughter. Woe to you who are rich -- you have your consolation now. Woe to you who have your fill now; you shall go hungry.

How can God's love survive in those who have enough of this world's goods and yet they close their hearts to their brothers and sisters when they see them in need? Children, let us love in deed and in truth and not merely talk about it.

Woe to those who enact unjust statutes and who write oppressive decrees, depriving the needy of judgment and robbing my people's poor of their rights, making widows their plunder, and orphans their prey! What will you do on the day of punishment, when ruin comes from afar? To whom will you flee for help? Where will you leave your wealth, lest it sink beneath the captive or fall beneath the slain?

Hearken, you who are in power over the multitude and lord it over throngs of peoples! Because authority was given you by the Lord and sovereignty by the Most High, He will probe your works and scrutinize your counsels. Judgment is stern for the exalted! The lowly may be pardoned out of mercy, but the mighty shall be mightily punished. For the Lord of All does not cower before a personage, he does not stand in awe of greatness, since he himself has made small and great and provides for all alike; For those in power, a rigorous scrutiny looms.

Scripture key: James 5:1-5 Luke 6:24 1 John 3:17-40 Isaiah 10: 1-3 Wisdom 6: 1-8.

No Recourse. *An Easy Essay by Peter Maurin*

1. Politicians used to say: "We make prosperity through our wise policies."
2. Business men used to say: "We make prosperity through our private enterprise."
3. The workers did not have anything to say about the matter;
4. They were either put to work or thrown out of employment.
5. And when unemployment came the workers had no recourse against the professed makers of prosperity, politicians and business men.

Sayings of Mother Teresa

Love is a fruit that is in season at all times.

Every work of love brings a person face to face with God.

A joyful heart is the natural result of a heartburning with love.

Wisdom

The best things in life aren't things. The more content I am with myself, the fewer material things I need

My goal should not be to have something but to be something

The more secure you feel with yourself, the fewer faults you find in others

Read to your children. Keep books in your home. Read them to your children. Use your local library.

We never know the worth of water until the well runs dry.

It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.

If you find yourself negative and angry most of the time, it's because you feel that way about yourself. Try being nice to people. It will rub off on you (after a while).

Easy Very Tasty Home-made Pudding

1/2 cup sugar | 2 eggs | 1 tsp vanilla (optional) | 3 tbsp flour | 2 cups milk | 2 tbsp butter (optional)

Mix flour and sugar together, add milk and beaten eggs, mix very well, so there are no lumps. Add butter and cook over medium heat until thickened, stirring constantly. Banana pudding: Add sliced bananas and vanilla extract. Pineapple pudding: Add some crushed pineapple. Chocolate: Add 1/4 cup cocoa to the dry ingredients before adding milk.

Easy Very Tasty Brownie Mix

Mix 6 cups flour, 6 cups sugar, 2 cups cocoa. Mix well, store in airtight container.

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2 cups Easy Very Tasty brownie mix
2 eggs, 1 stick of butter (melted)

Add melted butter to the brownie mix, then add the beaten eggs. Mix well. Bake at 350 degrees in 9 inch square pan for about 15 minutes. Icing: Mix 1/3 cup milk, 1 stick oleo and 4 tbsp of cocoa, bring to a boil. Remove from heat and add 2 cups powdered sugar and 1 tsp vanilla. Spread on brownies.

Memo's lesson about pie crust. Many years ago, I complained to my grandmother Dovie Waldrop that I couldn't make a decent pie crust. She said, "Bobby Max, the reason you can't make a good pie crust is because you haven't made enough pies. When you have made 100 pies, I bet your pie crust is as good as mine." Well, as it turns out, she was right. I don't know that I would claim that my pie crust was as good as hers, but these days I can make a pie crust worthy of serving to company. Cooking is easy, but like everything else, it takes practice.

Lord, have mercy, by Bob Waldrop

This month, instead of writing a little essay, here's a little song I wrote. We sing it at my church at Communion during Lent, slowly and fervently, over and over. Sing it whenever you are tempted, especially those times when you think you are being tempted "more than you can bear." As always, all y'all are in my prayers, and I ask you to pray for us too.

The music was pasted in for the copies distributed this month. Click this link to access the music – <http://www.justpeace.org/jesusprayer.pdf> .

Works of Justice and Peace

A statement of the mission and purpose of the Oscar Romero Catholic Worker House

+Live simply and justly in solidarity with the poor and marginalized and be a good neighbor. Make no war on them, rather, be one with them in spirit, truth, and love.

+Hear the truth when it is spoken to you. Discern the signs of the times and speak truth -- to power, to the people, and to the Church.

+Make injustice visible -- witness, remember, teach, proclaim, tell. Light candles, do not curse the darkness.

+Protect the poor and powerless-- listen, learn, educate, organize, empower participation, and respect life from the moment of conception to the time of natural death.

+Work for reconciliation with truth, evangelism, catechesis, orthopraxis.

+Celebrate life, goodness, beauty, virtue, responsibility, and joy. Practice peace, non-violence, servant leadership, harmony, community, voluntary cooperation, and the proper stewardship of God's creation. Pray without ceasing.

+ Ensure fair distribution, subsidiarity, economic opportunity, justice, and food security for everyone everywhere. RMW 1998

To avoid fools, take steps! If you have nothing to do, don't do it with anyone else around.

If you always do what you always do,
you will always get what you always get.

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