



Based on the gospel for 17 October, Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Mark 10:42-45

"Anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all."

In our everyday lives, it can be difficult to give things up. We can maybe relate to the sadness of the rich man in last Sunday's Gospel. Making sacrifices, humbling ourselves and being a servant to all seems like a big task.

But through service, comes 'greatness' and an opportunity to help build God's Kingdom. The greatness is not about our glory, but God's.

How can we be a servant to all? It sounds impossible. But our prayers for global justice are extremely powerful.

A modern-day issue, affecting all of us is climate change. But we can serve all and act in solidarity by making changes to our own lives, and by calling on those with power in our world to take action too.

Slowly but surely, we can serve all through prayer and actions.

Saint John Paul II said that development in justice is made: "in the exercise of solidarity...in the love and service of neighbour, especially of the poorest." God gave us great freedom to choose to love and serve in many ways.

God has planned each of our days (Psalm 139:16). There is joy in taking on these daily challenges of service and being who God needs us to be for his kingdom.

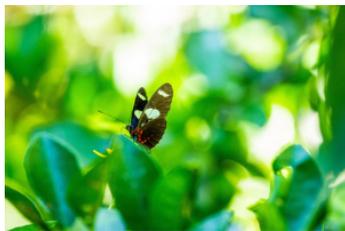
Lord, guide us through the challenging times of our world. Help us to be who you made us to be and joyfully serve others. Let your victory and love of justice inspire us each day. Amen.



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### Care of creation rosary

Throughout the month of October join us in praying these joyful mysteries for the care of creation.

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### Church leaders speak out

Over 70 Church leaders have spoken out against climate injustice in the run up to the G20 leaders' meeting at the end of the month

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This reflection and prayer were written by Rebecca Maxwell who took part in our Step into the Gap Programme in 2019-2020 and has loved getting involved through parish and young adult volunteering ever since.



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