

Daily Homily
11 Week in Ordinary Time
Thursday
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A million and one things could be said about today's gospel, about Jesus' teaching on prayer... only one thing right now...

"God alone."

This is an inscription above the Monastery of Gethsemane. Every monk entering into the life of prayer reads that inscription going through that doorway. They leave behind everything and they enter into "God alone."

None of us are becoming monks, but the reality is, all of us will go through that doorway of "God alone." Those of us who come to church do this regularly now. We stand before "God alone." Those who don't come to church will ultimately do this in the life to come. It's inevitable.

Jesus teaches us this in prayer... how to stand before the Father... how to stand before "God alone." We may have everything. We may think we have everything. We may think we need more. However, none of it comes to anything over time. We may think that family, friends, spouse, time should be number one in our life, but even these are all temporary. Ultimately, it is all about standing before "God alone." This is permanent and forever.

This is how Jesus teaches us to pray, to stand before "Our Father," and allow the loving gaze of the Father to fall on His beloved... his beloved son, his beloved daughter.

In just a few moments we will pray as Jesus taught us. As you raise your hands in surrender, let the Father's loving gaze come upon you and walk through the doorway and into the prayer of "God alone" with you.