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Friday 18 October

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2 Timothy 4:1-17, Psalm 145, Luke 10:1-9

"The Lord stood by me and gave me strength." (Timothy)

"The Lord is near to all who call upon him." (Ps 145)

Both these lines from today's Scripture are expressions of a life of faith. Sometimes we feel the closeness of God with us and sometimes we don't. Remember a time when God gave you strength and seemed close. Join the psalmist and St. Paul in giving thanks for God's presence in your life.

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Saturday 19 October

Romans 4:13, 16-18, Psalm 105, Luke 12:8-12

"Though it seemed Abraham's hope could not be fulfilled, he hoped and he believed, and through doing so he did become the father of many nations exactly as he had been promised."

Sometimes hope is described as believing when you cannot see. What are you being challenged to believe in and hope for right now? Ask God for the gift of hope today.

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Sunday 20 October

TWENTY NINTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME.

Exodus 17:8-13, Psalm 121, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2, Luke 18:1-8

"The Lord will guard your coming and going both now and forever"— Ps 121

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields
until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Irish Blessing

Familiar prayers give us a way of expressing our faith. The Irish blessing and Psalm 121 speak of God's constant presence with us.

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Monday 21 October

Romans 4:20-25, Benedictus, Luke 12:13-21.

"Jesus said, 'watch and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for your life is not made secure by what you own, even when you have more than you need'."

Recently I've been sorting through some things that have been packed away. I found some treasures and some old memories. I also found some things that used to be important and now I can let them go. My real treasure is in relationships with people and with God. What is your true treasure? Where do you find security?