

**OCTOBER 18, 2020**

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 \* Thessalonians 1:1-5b \* Matthew 22:15-21*

***“We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers.”  
– 1 Thes. 1:2***

It is common that people turn to God in their need, asking for help and for God to fix bad things. But today's scripture encourages us to always give thanks to God in prayer, for the good things and even the bad. Most especially, remember to pray for others and their needs. It can be a blessing to others to have someone praying for them, even if they are not aware of it. They may feel a little happier the day you pray for them, without knowing why. You could consider yourself a “secret agent of prayer” working for God.

*Dear Lord, we thank you for all the special people you have put into our lives. Please bless them in a special way today.*

**Who are some of the people you can pray for on a regular basis?**

