

It's a Matter of Trust! Mark 1:12-15

For personal prayer

TRUST IN TIMES OF TESTING
(Sir. 2:1-6)

My child, when you come
to serve the Lord,
prepare yourself for testing.

Set your heart right and be steadfast,
and do not be impetuous in times of calamity.

Cling to him and do not depart,
so that your last days may be prosperous.

Accept whatever befalls you and in times of humiliation be patient.

For gold is tested in the fire,
and those found acceptable, in the furnace of humiliation.

Trust in the Lord, and he will help you;
make your way straight, and hope in him.

Amen!

For personal reflection

On the First Sunday of Lent, the evangelist Mark leads us with Jesus into the desert of temptation. Temptations always accompany situations that put us to the test. The test that Jesus faced did not call into question his courage but rather his trust. That says it all! What side are we on when we have to make important choices in life? When we are faced with a mission without borders? Or with meaningless injustice? Or faceless evil? When Jesus was faced with the temptation to exclude the cross from his vocation as God's beloved Son, he chose to trust in God. To trust even when it is impossible to understand the contradictions in one's journey. In other words, the First Sunday of Lent is telling us: Whatever happens, trust God!

The highest form of love of God is precisely to trust his paths and his choices.
In the desert of testing, we silently adore the true God.

