

Prayer Service

The Lord is our strength

All Grades

(Prepare the prayer space with a bible, crucifix, candle and a picture of St. John the Baptist.)

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Reading: Jeremiah 1: 4-10

In the days of King Josiah, the word of the Lord came to me saying: before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.

“Ah, Lord God!” I said, “I know not how to speak; I am too young.” But the Lord answered me, “Say not, I am too young.” To whomever I send you, you shall go; whatever I command you, you shall speak. Have no fear before them because I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord. Then Lord extended his hand and touched my mouth, saying, “See, I place my words in our mouth! This day I set you over nations and over kingdoms, to root up and tear down, to destroy and to demolish, to build and to plant.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please allow for a few minutes of silence to allow the students to sit with the reading for a moment.)

As missionary disciples we are called to also prepare the way so that others may open their hearts to the message of Jesus Christ. Just as St. John the Baptist did. Although you might be young, God has given you all you need to speak on His behalf to others.

We need to trust in Him and know that he has a plan for us like he had a plan for St. John the Baptist since the moment he was in his mothers womb.

Responsorial Psalm 71: 1-2, 3-4A, 5-6AB, 15AB and 17

R./ Since my mother's womb, you have been my strength.



In you, Oh Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, and deliver me; incline your ear to me, and save me.

R./ Since my mother's womb, you have been my strength.

Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to give me safety, for you are my rock and my fortress. O my God, rescue me from the hand of the wicked. ***R./ Since my mother's womb, you have been my strength.***

For you are my hope, O Lord; my trust, O Lord, from my youth. On you I depend from birth; from my mother's womb you are my strength.

R./ Since my mother's womb, you have been my strength.

My mouth shall declare your justice, day by day your salvation. O God, you have taught me from my youth, and till the present I proclaim your wondrous deeds. ***R./ Since my mother's womb, you have been my strength.***

Prayer:

Prayer to St. John the Baptist

O God, You raised up
Saint John the Baptist to prepare
a perfect people for Christ.

Fill your people with
the joy of possessing His grace
and direct the minds of all
the faithful in the way of peace
and salvation.

Grant us, as Saint John
was martyred for truth
and justice, so we may
energetically profess
our Faith in You, and lead
others to the Way,
the Truth, and eternal life.
Amen.