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'I Am', part 2

**'The Lord is my Light and my Salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid' Psalm 27:1**

Jesus the Light

- † **Light is needed**
 - as source of life; for the survival of all living things
 - as a guide; to shatter darkness so that we might see
 - to put things into perspective; light shows what is dirty and what is clean (*Luk 8:17*)
- † **Jesus the Light (*Rev 21:22-27; Joh 1:1-9*)**
 - He is the source of life
 - He is our guide and shepherd
 - He overcame all darkness that leads to sin. He is the Light Who leads me to repentance. Light and darkness can never meet
 - He is the Truth
- † **Jesus said He is the light while He in the treasury— the part of the temple where the offerings were put (*8: 20*) and where candles burned to symbolize the pillar of fire that led the people of Israel through the wilderness (*Exo 13: 21-22*). In this context, Jesus called Himself the Light of the world**

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved (*Joh 3:17-21*)

- † **Jesus is the one and only way, key, and entrance to salvation**

'I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life' (*Joh 8:12; Joh 9*)

- † **In His light, we see ourselves as we really are, sinners in need of a Savior**
- † **When we follow Jesus, the true Light, we can avoid walking blindly and falling into sin**

Jesus appointed His disciples to be in turn the light of the world (*Mat 5:14-16*)

- † ***'You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden' Mat 5:14***

- † He is asking us today too to be the light in the world and to reflect His light that is in us to other people around us

Put on the armor of light (Luk 11:35-36)

- † *'Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy' (Rom 13: 12-14)*
- † 'Purity and love of neighbor represent dominion over self and the gift of self to others. How can I give myself if I do not possess myself but am a slave to my passions? It is an illusion to think that we can combine genuine service to brothers and sisters, which always calls for sacrifice, altruism, forgetting ourselves, and generosity, with a life that is personally disordered, all aimed at pleasing oneself and satisfying one's passions. It inevitably ends in using brothers and sisters, just as one uses one's body. Those who cannot say 'no' to themselves cannot say 'yes' to brothers and sisters' Father Cantalamessa

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Legend

 Refers to mandatory readings

Verse to memorize

'Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light' Rom 13:12b

During the coming week, let us pray expectantly

- 1. seeking the Lord's will to be done in Lebanon**
- 2. for CrossTalk to find a locale**
- 3. for David, Gisele, Habib and Karim**
- 4. to become more of saints and less of sinners**
- 5. to seek the Lord in every word I say, every act I do and every thought I think**
- 6. to help in building His Kingdom by building His Church on earth**
- 7. to deny ourselves, carry our cross and follow Him**
- 8. to thank Him for creating us and each one around us, on His image and likeness, and choosing us to reveal His splendor**
- 9. to all the sick**
- 10. to all those in prison**
- 11. to the unity of the Christians**
- 12. to one another to be honest and not lack integrity**
- 13. to put all that we have in the Lord's hands trusting His management**
- 14. to all the Christians who are being persecuted, and to those who are persecuting them**
- 15. to all families, that the Lord unites the parents together in His Name and stops all fights**
- 16. to the situation in Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Iraq and the whole region**

During this coming week, we will lift the Church and its unity in prayer

قانون الايمان

نؤمن بالله واحد، الأب ضابط ال كل
خالق السماء والأرض، كل ما يرى وما لا يرى
وبرب واحد يسوع المسيح، ابن الله الوحيد
المولود من الأب قبل كل الدهور
نور من نور، إله حق من إله حق
مولود غير مخلوق
له الجوهر نفسه مع الأب
الذي به كان شيء
ذاك الذي من أجلنا نحن البشر
ومن أجل خلاصنا
نزل من السموات وتجسد متأنساً
بالروح القدس من مريم العذراء
وصلب عنا في عهد بيبلاطس بنطايوس
وتألم وقبر وقام في اليوم الثالث
كما في الكتب وصعد إلى السموات
وجلس عن يمين الأب ويجيء بمجد
ليدين الأحياء والأموات
ولن يكون لملكه نهاية
وبالروح القدس
الرب المحيي
المتبنيق من الأب
المسجود له والممجّد
مع الأب والإبن
الناطق بالأنبياء
وبكنيسة واحدة مقدّسة، جامعة، رسولية
ونعترف بمعمودية واحدة
لمغفرة الخطايا
وننتظر قيامة الموتى
وحياة الدهر الآتي
أمين

الصلاة الربانية

أبانا الذي في السموات
ليتقدّس إسمك
ليأت ملكوتك
ليتكُن مشيئتك
كما في السماء
كذلك على الأرض
خبزنا الضروري للحياة أعطنا اليوم
واغفر لنا ذنوبنا
كما تغفر نحن أيضاً
للمذنبين إلينا
ولا تُدخِلنا في تجربة
لكن نجنا من الشرير
لأن لك الملك والقدرة والمجد
إلى الأبد
أمين