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**The Power of Words, part 2**

**‘For, whoever would love life and see good days  
must keep their tongue from evil  
and their lips from deceitful speech’ 1 Peter 3:10**

**Our words and faith are interrelated**

- † ***‘Words are truly the image of the soul’ Saint Basil the Great***
- † **The power of the words we utter in our prayers depends on the status of the heart they come from**
- † ***‘For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says’ Mk 11:23***
- † ***‘When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not hear’ Is 1:15***
- † ***‘Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him’ Jn 9:31***

**The Lord appointed us to be His witnesses speaking His words**

- † ***‘If you turn away .... From finding your own pleasure, and speaking your own words, then you shall delight yourself in the Lord’ Is 13a,c, 14a***

**Our words define our victory or our defeat**

- † **Jesus defeated the enemy with three sentences. Jesus was very weak physically, but His strength was in His words **(Lk 4:1-12)****
- † **When we enter difficult situations and fear is there, the Holy Spirit speaks through us the Words of Life, the Truth**
- † **The defeat of Eve came through her words, the conversation, with the enemy. *‘She [Eve] ought to have silenced him [the devil], she ought not to have exchanged a word with him. In foolishness she declared the judgment of the Master. Thereby she afforded the***

*devil a powerful handle..... The woman believed in one who professed mere words, and nothing else' Saint John Chrysostom*

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### Legend

 Refers to mandatory readings

### Verse to memorize

'And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words' Matthew 6:7

### In my Prayer and Faith Autobiography Book

## God acts

† Through His Word, God saved me

## My reaction

† Am I taking every word I say seriously?

† Am I building up others through my words?

**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 Maronite Church in prayer

قانون الايمان  
نؤمن بالله واحد  
آب ضابط الكل  
خالق السماء والارض  
كل ما يرى وما لا يرى  
وبرب واحد يسوع المسيح  
ابن الله الوحيد  
المولود من الاب قبل كل الدهور  
إله من إله، نور من نور، إله حق من إله حق  
مولود غير مخلوق  
مساو للأب في الجوهر  
الذي به كان كل شيء  
الذي من أجلنا نحن البشر ومن أجل خلاصنا  
نزل من السماء  
وتجسد من الروح القدس ومن مريم العذراء  
وصار إنساناً  
وصُلب عنا على عهد بيلاطس البنطي  
تألم ومات وقبر  
وقام في اليوم الثالث كما جاء في الكتب  
وصعد إلى السماء  
وجلس عن يمين الله الأب  
وأيضاً يأتي بمجد عظيم  
ليدين الأحياء والأموات  
الذي لا فناء لمملكه  
ونؤمن بالروح القدس  
الرب المحيي  
المنبثق من الأب والإبن  
الذي هو مع الأب والإبن  
يُسجد له ويُمجد  
الناطق بالأنبياء والرسل  
وبكنيسة واحدة، جامعة، مقدسة، رسولية  
ونعترف بعمودية واحدة لمغفرة الخطايا  
ونترجى قيامة الموتى والحياة الجديدة في الدهر  
الآتي  
أمين