



Jesus Christ, our All in all  
CrossTalk's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

13 - 19, 2020

Faith

**'Let no one despise your youth,  
but be an example to the believers  
in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity'**

1 Timothy 4:12

Faith

- † ***'Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen' Heb 11:1***
- † ***'By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible' Heb 11:2***
- † ***'For we walk by faith, not by sight' 2 Cor 5:7***

Why should I have Faith?

- † **Faith allows the Holy Spirit with His gifts and fruit to be alive in us**
- † **Through faith we gain wisdom, courage, patience, love, kindness, gentleness, comfort and success**
  - **It is through faith that Peter walked on the water (Mt 14: 22-33)**
  - **It through faith that Moses encouraged the people of Israel when they were stuck between the Egyptians behind them and the Red Sea in front of them (Ex 14). *'And Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace' Ex 14:13-14***
- † **Faith allows me to be an instrument in the Lord's hand through which He can spread His Word and be revealed as all the saints and Fathers of the Church are (Jgs 6-7)**
- † **It is by his friends' faith that the paralytic was healed (Lk 5:17-26)**

## How should I have Faith?

- † Faith is a grace from the Lord given freely and in abundance. The Lord said that faith as big as a mustard seed (which is the smallest of seeds) can do wonders (*Lk 17:5-6*)
- † Faith and actions are inseparable (*Jas 2:14-24*)

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## Legend

 Refers to mandatory readings

## Verse to memorize

'Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong'  
1 Corinthians 16:13 (NIV)

## In my Prayer and Faith Autobiography Book

### God acts

- † Christ gave me faith as big as a mustard seed

### My reaction

- † Am I, through faith, gaining wisdom, courage, patience, love, kindness, gentleness, comfort and success?
- † Am I, through faith, carrying others to Christ?

## 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, namely Marie
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, the region, and the whole world

**During this coming week, we will lift the Armenian Orthodox Church in prayer**

<p>الصلاة الربانية أبانا الذي في السموات ليتقدس اسمك ليأت ملكوتك لنكن مشيبتك كما في السماء كذلك على الأرض خبزنا الجوهري أعطنا اليوم واترك لنا ما علينا كما نترك نحن لننا عليه ولا ندخلنا في تجربة لكن نجنا من الشرير أمين إلى الأبد أمين</p>	<p>قانون الإيمان أومن بإله واحد أب ضابط الكل 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 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 وتأنس وصلب عنا على عهد بيلاطس البنطي وتألم وقبر وقام في اليوم الثالث على ما في الكتب وصعد إلى السماء وجلس عن يمين الأب وأيضاً يأتي بمجد ليدين الأحياء والأموات الذي لا فناء لملكه</p>
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الربّ المحيي  
المنبثق من الأب  
الذي هو مع الأب والإبن  
مسجود له وممجّد  
الناطق بالأنبياء  
وبكنيسة واحدة، جامعة، مقدّسة، رسوليّة  
وأعترف بمعموديّة واحدة لمغفرة الخطايا  
وأنرجى قيامة الموتى والحياة في الدهر الآتي  
أمين