



ALL THINGS NEW

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WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

READING

ROMANS 12:1-8

¹ I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. ² Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I tell everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than one ought to think, but to think soberly, each according to the measure of faith that God has apportioned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another. ⁶ Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them: if prophecy, in proportion to the faith; ⁷ if ministry, in ministering; if one is a teacher, in teaching; ⁸ if one exhorts, in exhortation; if one contributes, in generosity; if one is over others, with diligence; if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

BRIEF REFLECTION (GIVEN BY LEADER)

JOY OF THE GOSPEL

PARAGRAPH 27

I dream of a “missionary option”, that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today’s world rather than for her self-preservation. The renewal of structures demanded by pastoral conversion can only be understood in this light: as part of an effort to make them more mission-oriented, to make ordinary pastoral activity on every level more inclusive and open, to inspire in pastoral workers a constant desire to go forth and in this way to elicit a positive response from all those whom Jesus summons to friendship with himself. As [John Paul II](#) once said to the Bishops of Oceania: “All renewal in the Church must have mission as its goal if it is not to fall prey to a kind of ecclesial introversion”?

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

How is the Lord calling you to “be transformed by the renewal of your mind”?

In what ways is discerning “what is the will of God” difficult? What can we do to become increasingly more attentive to God’s plans instead of our own?



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Pope Francis talks about a missionary transformation. How can you undergo a missionary transformation in your personal life? In your work life? How can you use the gifts given to you by God to aid in this?