

ASK AND YOU WILL ALWAYS RECEIVE

As we come to the Eucharist, let us bring to the table of the Lord all our experiences, all our failings, all our hopes, knowing that the Lord is here to give us the fullness of life, to heal us and to bring us joy.

My dear sisters and brothers, we have heard this gospel several times, but let it sink into us – the three specific things that Jesus says: Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened. And then, in order to emphasise it even more strongly, Jesus says, ‘Ask and you will **always** receive’.

Yes, dear sisters and brothers, it is categorical. What we need to do in our prayer is to stand before God, not in our self-righteousness but in our own poverty, in our weaknesses and helplessness, and cry out to him. Ask him and you will surely be given what you ask.

Let us pray that we might have that poverty and simplicity of spirit to ask with confidence what God is waiting to give us.

Placing our confidence in the words of Jesus—seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you, ask and you will receive—let us for a moment in silence pray for our own needs and for the needs of the world. Let us now ask our Father in confidence, Our Father...



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