

# January 26 Thursday

## Timothy and Titus

### Reading I 2TM 1:1-8

Paul, an Apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God for the promise of life in Christ Jesus, to Timothy, my dear child: grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God, whom I worship with a clear conscience as my ancestors did, as I remember you constantly in my prayers, night and day. I yearn to see you again, recalling your tears, so that I may be filled with joy, as I recall your sincere faith that first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and that I am confident lives also in you. For this reason, I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake; but bear your share of hardship for the Gospel with the strength that comes from God.

### Responsorial Psalm PS 96:1-2A, 2B-3, 7-8A, 10

**R. (3) Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.**

Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all you lands.

Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

**R. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.**

Announce his salvation, day after day.

Tell his glory among the nations;  
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

**R. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.**

Give to the LORD, you families of nations,  
give to the LORD glory and praise;

give to the LORD the glory due his name!

**R. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.**

Say among the nations: The LORD is king.

He has made the world firm, not to be moved;

he governs the peoples with equity.

**R. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.**

### Alleluia PS 119:105

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

A lamp to my feet is your word,  
a light to my path.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel MK 4:21-25

Jesus said to his disciples, "Is a lamp brought in to be placed under a bushel basket or under a bed, and not to be placed on a lampstand? For there is nothing hidden except to be made visible; nothing is secret except to come to light. Anyone who has ears to hear ought to hear." He also told them, "Take care what you hear. The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you, and still more will be given to you. To the one who has, more will be given; from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."

### Reflection:

Through the imagery of harvest Jesus affirms the necessity and urgency of pastoral activities. As at the tie of Jesus, the world today needs love, understanding, healing etc. through the imagery of workers, Jesus emphasizes the need for missionaries. Therefore every Christian is called to be agent of God's love, compassion and goodness in the world. Jesus says that he is sending the disciples as lambs among the wolves and Paul exhorts Timothy that he has to bear his share of hardship for the sake of the Good News. It is the fire that makes the hard iron supple. For a disciple, suffering is a regular way of life. The suffering forms the missionary and moulds him or her according to the plan of God. We shall pray for the people who suffer for the Good News. We shall be prepared to endure suffering.