

"The endurance of darkness is the preparation for great light."

St. John of the Cross

SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Malachi 3: 19-20

Psalm 97: 5-9

2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12

Luke 21: 5-19

For many Malaysian families this is the season of exam stress, tighter budgets, and weather alerts. Endurance looks like honest work and simple fidelity (2 Thessalonians), shared prayer even when tired, and the choice to keep Sunday Mass central when schedules threaten to unravel.

Malachi promises that for those who fear the Lord, the "sun of justice" will rise with healing; God's future is not panic but restoration. In Fratelli Tutti (32 -"No one is saved alone; we can only be saved together.") Pope Francis calls us to social friendship, a steady, neighbourly commitment that refuses to let fear dictate our actions.

As a synodal people we listen first, speak truth kindly, and make decisions after prayer, not after the loudest headline. Families can model this: parent and teenager agree on screen boundaries; spouses budget with mercy toward those who have less; BECs map out practical help before floods that hit us annually and other needs of the season. Christian endurance is not a grim jaw; it is a quiet gaze that remembers who holds history and refuses to surrender kindness. When we live this way, our homes gently contradict the culture of hurry and worry, and we become small beacons others can navigate by.

This week: Establish one daily rhythm: pray, eat, and talk together and prepare a simple emergency plan before any floods or for the necessities of this

season. 💠



CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE

(World Day of the Poor)

MONTHLY FOCUS& RATIONALE:

FAMILY (ACCOMPANYING)

CALLED TO STRENGTHENING FAITH AND RELATIONSHIPS TOWARDS BUILDING GOD-CENTERED FAMILIES

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ccompaniment meets pressure. Jesus describes shaking Atimes. Wars, rumours, betrayals, and then gives a surprising strategy: Endurance - not hardened survival, but faithful perseverance that keeps love practical when the ground shifts.

