

NEWSLETTER

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Overcoming Evil in the World

Faced with violence and injustice it is easy to undervalue the power of celebrating that which is good. Overshadowed by the sheer presence of evil, we are tempted to lose all hope, to hide the light under the bushel basket.

See - Judge - Act

"No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven"

~ Jesus of Nazareth ~

Mt. 5:15-16

Yet, it is in these moments of darkness that we must amplify the good.

In the words of St Pope John Paul II *"We do not pretend that life is all beauty. We are aware of darkness and sin, of poverty and pain. But we know Jesus has conquered sin and passed through his own pain to the glory of the Resurrection. And we live in the light of his Paschal Mystery – the mystery of his Death and Resurrection. We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!"*

By loudly proclaiming and celebrating acts of kindness, progress, and virtue, we not only counterbalance the evil around us, but we inspire others to do the same. Shouting out loud about good things is not just an act of defiance against evil; it is a necessary strategy to overcome it. It is a celebration of the living Christ.

Evil, in its many forms, thrives in silence. When people remain passive in the face of injustice, corruption, and cruelty, they inadvertently approve it. The danger of inaction can be summarised in a quote by Edmund Burke *"the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good people to do nothing"*.

There is more good than evil in this world. However, when good deeds are not highlighted, they become lost in a continuous onslaught of negative news. By being vocal about the good, we actively work to suppress the influence of evil. We actively work to de-normalise evil.

Positive thinking is contagious. When we share stories about the goodness in humanity, we inspire others to contribute in their ways. Consider the impact of social media movements that highlight acts of generosity or resilience. These movements, often sparked by a single story or event, can spread globally, encouraging millions to participate. By showcasing the good, we remind people that they can be agents of good through positive deeds.

Moreover, shouting out loud about the good in the world helps to restore faith in humanity. It is easy to become disillusioned when bombarded with news of suffering, conflict, and despair. We are however made in the likeness of God, so how can humans be essentially evil? On the contrary by the saving grace of Jesus Christ we have an infinite capacity of doing good. When we take the time to acknowledge and share the positive actions of individuals and communities, we provide a counter-narrative that reaffirms the existence of goodness. People need to see that their efforts toward good are not in vain and that goodness still exists in the world. This realisation motivates them to continue their efforts to improve society.

Amplifying the good, challenges the very nature of evil by robbing it of the attention it craves. When we focus on stories of resilience, healing, and kindness we deny evil the attention it so desperately seeks and instead feed the collective consciousness with examples of virtue and hope. Recognitions like 'Ġieħ ir-Repubblika' and similar civic duty awards highlight this good in society and elevates those people that selflessly sacrifice their time and energy for the good of others as examples to follow.

It is also worth noting that shouting out loud about good things is an act of resistance. It is a refusal to let evil dictate the narrative of our lives and our world. By consciously choosing to highlight that which is positive, we resist the normalization of evil. We assert that goodness is not the exception but the rule and that it deserves to be recognized and celebrated.

Shouting out loud about good things is a powerful tool in the fight against evil. It amplifies positivity, inspires others, restores faith in humanity, and denies evil the attention it craves. In a world where negativity often seems to dominate, we must be determined in our efforts to condemn evil and highlight and celebrate the good. By doing so, we not only overcome the influence of evil but also build a foundation for a better, just and compassionate world.

Be the change you want to see. Be that change today.



Prayer Intention

Every month of the year the Pope encourages all faithful to pray as one family, the family of God, the Church, with a common intention. You can follow the monthly intentions in this [website](#).

The intention for this month is *'For the cry of the earth'*.

The subject of climate change is often spoken about, with endless conferences on the topic and endless pledges by world leaders to do more. However humanity seems to lack the will power to walk the talk, to do what it takes to save our only home, Earth.

Humanity is each and everyone of us. It is up to us to do our bit, even if it feels like a drop in the ocean.

We must never hide behind the excuse *'what does the little I do matter'*. It's the little that each one of us does that really matters. We should therefore courageously and selflessly do some sacrifices for the love of our planet. Even simple things, like taking the bus or walking instead of driving, or turning off the AC when we can live without it. And shout out loud about those little acts we do in response to the *'cry of our earth'*.

The science is sound, let's not let the naysayers replace science fact with science fiction. Lets ensure that future generations inherit a liveable world; there is no planet B.

Prayer of the month

"We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live"



Remembrance mass

On **Friday 6th of September at 7pm** we will be holding a remembrance mass for the repose of the soul of Fr. Joe Inguanez.

The mass will be held at **Santu Kristu Chapel in Hal Ghaxaq (VG38+PFQ, Ghaxaq)**. We look forward to your presence and kindly ask you to spread the word to friends and family.

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