

# College Prayer - AM

God our Father,  
I offer to you everything that I do this day.  
I offer to you my prayers, works, sufferings and joys of this  
day.

May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen me so that my life  
may be of service to you and all who I meet.

Our Lady Help of Christians

*Pray for us.*



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# Week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023



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## WEEKLY THEME Making choices

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# Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

## St Therese of Lisieux

**St Therese is one of our House Patrons.** She was only 24 when she died in 1897, after being a Carmelite sister for nine years. She never went anywhere and few people knew her while she lived, but she is today one of the most famous female saints. How? She made the choice to make everything in her life a prayer, an **act of love for God.** Happy feast day to all our staff and students in TL House.



**Student prayer** -God our Father, let us remember the faithful choices of St Teresa today as we reflect on the choices we make. Help us in our lives to follow the way of St Therese who lived her life making love her main choice. Amen



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## Our gospel reading

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- Which son does the right thing?
- Do you say yes to things but then not do them?

Student prayer – Loving Father, support me this week as I try and follow your son Jesus no matter what is in my way. Guide me to always say yes to your call and choose the right path. Amen



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# Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## St Francis of Assisi

St Francis is remembered today for his love for animals; he was also known as "The poor Man of Assisi". He gave all his possessions, even his clothes, to the poor.

Through his example, St. Francis reminds us that we are called to bring about justice and peace in our world. Our Pope took the name of Francis. When he was asked why, the Pope said, "When it became clear that the Cardinal's had elected me as Pope, he said, Cardinal Hume's "embraced me and kissed me and said: 'Don't forget the poor'... and that struck me... the poor...Immediately I thought of St Francis of Assisi. Francis was a man of peace, a man of poverty, a man who loved and protected creation."



Student prayer - Father, you helped St Francis to live and work for the poor. May we follow his example and show the same caring love to those in our community and world. Amen



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# Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## Making choices

This week we have been thinking about the **choices that God wants us to make.** Often we make choices not thinking of the impact our decision can have another's. **When we make choices do we always take others feeling in to consideration?** Do we stop and reflect if our choices do good in the world? We make choices very quickly and must take time to reflect on the effect they have.

- Who do your choices affect each day?
- What choice can you make to help others?

*Let's reflect*

May  
your choices  
reflect your hopes,  
not your fears.

-Nelson Mandela

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**Student prayer** – Lord, help us to see that the choices we make each day can affect others around me. Help me choose action that do good and bring me closer to you . Amen



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# Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## CAFOD – family fast day

**CAFOD** work every day to help those in need as they remind us that we should be thankful for what we have and to say thank you we should help those who need us. God gave us this life and the world we live in, we can say thank you to God by helping all those who do not have enough food to eat.

- What food can you give to help?

*Let's reflect*

*All food donations to RE 1 or Chapel*

**Student prayer:** Lord, please give me the courage to act to end world hunger. Guide me as I help others by giving what I can and living out my faith. Amen



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# RESOURCES



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# Gospel reading – Matthew 21:28-32

## The Parable of the Two Sons

<sup>28</sup> “What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ <sup>29</sup> And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup> And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. <sup>31</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors go into the kingdom of God before you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.



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# LINKS

<b>Monday</b>	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXBU1iaPUAM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXBU1iaPUAM</a>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5FkxyxHLOB8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5FkxyxHLOB8</a>
<b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YuRrQ5wmGdE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YuRrQ5wmGdE</a>



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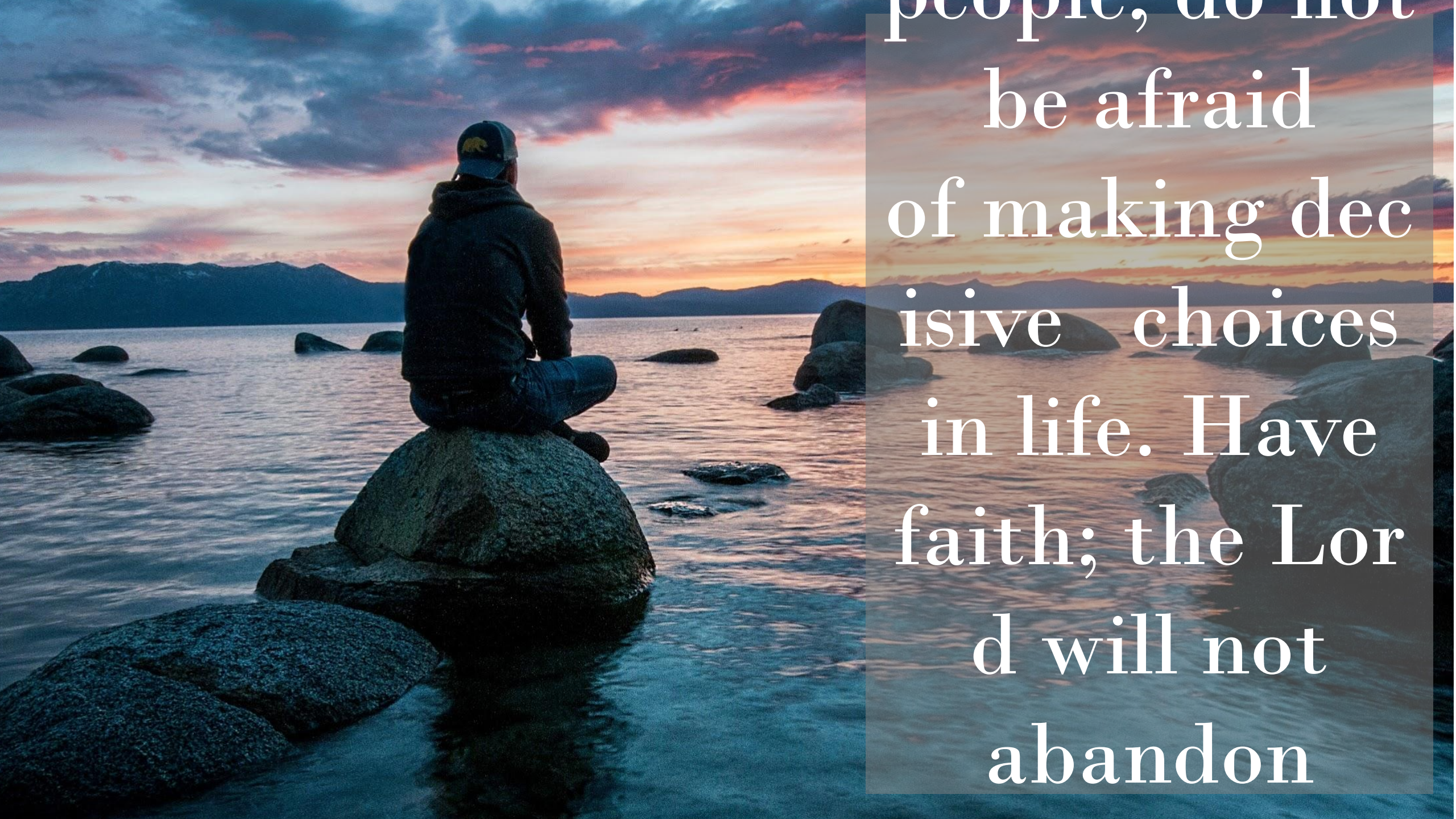
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