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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
June 16, 2013

Collect:

O God, strength of those who hope in you,
graciously hear our pleas,
and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing,
grant us always the help of your grace,
that in following your commands
we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Reflection:

“Grant us always the help of your grace.” Sometimes it is difficult for us to understand what it means to be granted the gift of grace. It is by God’s grace as Paul says, “That I am who I am....” Without God’s grace and mercy we have no life. God created us. God loves us. God sent his only Son to redeem us. Grace is God’s unmerited favor. Grace is God doing good for us that we do not deserve. Everything about our relationship with God depends upon us trusting him in faith, by resting in his grace. We are to come to him as a little child saying, “Daddy, pick me up”. And he does. Then he carries us.

Prayer:

Gracious and Almighty God, we thank you for your undeserving grace. We thank you for your light of love to share with one another; all created in your likeness. Give us the strength that we lack in our lives and help us to lighten the way and carry the load for the ever-changing problems of the world.

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