

**BLESSINGS AROUND**

We open our devotion in "The Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."  
AMEN

*(Matthew 5:3-12a)* Seeing the crowds, He went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

**Leader:** Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
**People:** for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**L:** Blessed are those who mourn,  
**P:** for they shall be comforted.

**L:** Blessed are the meek,  
**P:** for they shall inherit the earth.

**L:** Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
**P:** for they shall be satisfied.

**L:** Blessed are the merciful,  
**P:** for they shall receive mercy.

**L:** Blessed are the pure in heart,  
**P:** for they shall see God.

**L:** Blessed are the peacemakers,  
**P:** for they shall be called sons of God.

**L:** Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
**P:** for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**L:** Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account.

**ALL** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

How great are the blessings we receive from our Lord!!

His blessings showered down upon us are more numerous than the stars in the night sky. There are so many times when things are credited to coincidence. And how many times do we just let it pass without saying we are thankful to the Lord for His blessings to us? Look back at this past week. We can all think back and see the blessed hand of the Lord. We can look back at the past few months and to those who encouraged us. We are given and will give, sometimes without even knowing it, encouragement and guidance as we talk and share with others.

**Psalm 1:1-2** – *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.*

From where do we get our wisdom and guidance? Is it from magazines, television, books, friends, horoscopes or fortune cookies? The Lord has given us the very best wisdom and guidance there is, yet how often we spend our time among others listening to their ways instead!

**Deuteronomy 28:2-6** – *And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the LORD your God. Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.*

The Lord has promised great blessings for our lives. He says they will come upon us as we obey the voice of the Lord. **Matthew 5:45:** *For He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.* The Lord is constant and always here for us. We are the ones who stray to those earthly things that beckon us away from Him.

**Psalm 50:15** – *...call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.*

We must remember to look to the Cross of Christ for our healing and comfort in the hustle and hassles of today's world. With so many temptations coming at us from all sides we need to remember that the Lord is there for us always.

HYMN: "Only"

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Only, God's Grace has saved us, Only, by the blood of the lamb;  
Only, the Spirit calls us; Answer, "Lord, here I am!"

Lord, before you we stand guilty, filled with sin,  
But, your Grace has saved us; Now we're new within.

You have sent your Son to die at Calvary.  
Through His resurrection we are truly free.

Take our hearts, our minds, and bodies; Use them Lord,  
The service they perform be to Your name adored.

**Prayer**

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You that You are always there for us. Help us to remember to seek You rather than the things of this world for our answers. When we look at the night sky, help us remember that your blessings to us are more numerous than the

stars in the sky. We give You all praise and thanksgiving for the many blessings in our lives. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing" (Ephesians 1:3).

Note: Music for "Only" is available from the LWML-Canada Resource Centre.

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The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry, no matter how small, should be carefully documented to ensure the integrity of the financial data. This includes recording dates, amounts, and the nature of the transactions.

Secondly, the document highlights the need for regular reconciliation. By comparing the internal records with external statements, discrepancies can be identified and corrected promptly. This process helps in maintaining the accuracy of the accounts and prevents any potential errors from accumulating.

Furthermore, the document stresses the importance of transparency and accountability. All transactions should be clearly labeled and categorized to provide a clear overview of the financial activities. This not only aids in the management of the organization but also ensures that all stakeholders have access to the necessary information.

In conclusion, the document provides a comprehensive guide to effective financial record-keeping. It outlines the key principles and practices that are essential for maintaining accurate and reliable financial data. By following these guidelines, organizations can ensure the integrity of their financial records and make informed decisions based on accurate information.