**THURSDAY OCTOBER 27 – XXX WEEK O.T. [C]**

**Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how many times I yearned to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were unwilling!**

**To understand what the Lord says to his people today, let us imagine a town guarded by a myriad of Angels, protected by a legion of Archangels, with thousands and thousands of cherubim and seraphim ready to throw fire from heaven on every enemy who simply dares to approach it. Moreover, let us imagine that in the same town, there are hundreds and hundreds of Authorities and Powers always ready to fulfil every desire of man. Thus, the Lord had thought his kingdom on earth, on the condition, however, that Israel had always remained in his Word. Now, what does Jesus say to his people? The Lord withdraws with all his strengths in the field, with the armies guarding the walls and the borders, with the troops serving the inhabitants inside the kingdom and the town. The people is abandoned to itself. Every force of custody, protection, service, assistance. It is only with itself. Terribly alone! What is the fruit of this abandonment of the people to itself? The complete uselessness in every defence. Even a fox, a hyena, a dog may enter the town. Now every enemy can come, occupy, destroy, devastate, plunder, drag into exile. Why is the house of Israel abandoned to its inhabitants now? Because the inhabitants have decided to evict the Lord. They have done the contrary of the younger son of the parable of Jesus the Lord. In the parable, the younger son decides to leave the house of the Father. Israel acts in a totally opposed way. It asks its Lord to leave its kingdom and its town. They ask him to get out of their soil. They behaved in the same way as the inhabitants of the Gadarenes. They have prayed Jesus to leave their soil. The children of Israel have forced the Lord to run away from his town, his temple, his house. Since the Lord was the guardian of Israel, now that it is without the guardian, there will not be any life for it. This truth is not only worthy for Israel, it can also be applied to our modern society. When the Lord is accepted in it, the Lord always gives his light, his truth, his righteousness, his peace, his life. The single man can also refuse the gift of the Lord, but the people hears his presence and live in the shadow of his custody. Today one has decided to remove Christ from our territory. If Christ goes away, he takes each of his gift away. He takes away the Holy Spirit, the light, the truth, the righteousness. What remains to man? Misery, poorness, death, every unrighteousness. Violence, oppression, crime, wickedness, evil remain to man. The more Christ is departed and the more the forces of evil take his place. Either Christ or the forces of evil. Either Christ the Lord and his light, or the darkness and the evil of Satan.**

**Let us read the text of Lk 13,31-35**

**At that time some Pharisees came to him and said, "Go away, leave this area because Herod wants to kill you." He replied, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and I perform healings today and tomorrow, and on the third day I accomplish my purpose.  Yet I must continue on my way today, tomorrow, and the following day, for it is impossible that a prophet should die outside of Jerusalem.' "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how many times I yearned to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were unwilling! Behold, your house will be abandoned. (But) I tell you, you will not see me until (the time comes when) you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"**

**There is no neutrality. Either the light of Christ or the darkness of Satan. Either, the righteousness of the Incarnated Word or the unrighteousness of the prince of the world. Either the life that comes from the Holy Spirit that is gift of Christ the Lord or death, every death that arises from the worship of the hellish beast. No man might say: “I am not with Christ, I do not want Christ, I remain with myself, I am with myself.” This is the greatest lie, the heaviest illusion pervading heart and mind of all those who do not have Christ as guardian of their house, of their heart, of their spirit, of their mind. This is the ability of Satan: confusing the thoughts of men. Convincing the hearts, making them believe to be evolved, free, emancipated men, far from every slavery, while they are the most enslaved among the slaves and the most miserable among the miserable of earth. No misery is greater than the illusion of being free from Satan while one is slave of each of his falsity and lie. Everyone must pay attention so that Christ Jesus always remains guardian of his heart, of his mind, of his soul. If He is departed one only moment, the fortress remains with no defence and it is the end. No one should think that what one is stating is exaggeration. One only moment is enough to fall and no longer stand up. One only minute without Christ can make us find ourselves on a way with no return. History always reveals that distinguished men ended up badly because they forgot Christ the Lord for some hour. They have thought to be able to challenge Satan and resist with their only strengths. Satan always convinces the hearts that he does not exist, he is not there, he does not harm. He always helps man believe that, even without the custody of Christ, his only strengths are enough. It is a lie. Virgin Mary, tie us to Christ Jesus indissolubly.**