

Today's readings focus on perseverance in prayer, to bring something to God constantly that is on our hearts and important to us. I love that this weekend perseverance and the Our Father are combined. The Our Father is from God's own lips the perfect prayer. There have been a few different saints that have written works on the Our Father, I suggest if you have the time to pick one up and gain deeper appreciation for the prayer that has been on our lips since we were youngsters.

One of my favorite lines in the Our Father is "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done" because it helps us realize what we want may not be what God wants. The Goal of prayer is not to somehow twist God's arm into giving us what we desire, but to actually align our desires with God's will.

On the surface this flies in the face of our first reading until we remember that God does not change His mind. At first glance it seems that Abraham is coaxing God to be more merciful in reality God is not changing his bottom-line number, Abraham is instead learning about God's patience and mercy.

May the Love, Peace and Grace of God be with you,

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