

Hearing God's Word

Beloved sisters and brothers in Christ,

Today, I find my heart full of gratitude as I write to you, hoping these words will shine as a gentle light on your path. Life's journey is often marked by hills and valleys, by moments of clarity and stretches of uncertainty. In such times, our faith can become both an anchor and a lamp, steadying us through storms and illuminating the way ahead.

It is in this spirit that I share with you the beautiful and powerful promise found in the Gospel of Luke: "*Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.*" (Luke 11:28). These words are more than a gentle encouragement; they are an invitation into a life of deeper peace, purpose, and blessing.

How comforting it is to know that blessings are within reach not only for those who listen, but for all who put the word of God into practice. To hear the word is to open our hearts to wisdom, to let the truths of love, compassion, justice, and mercy settle in our souls. More importantly, we should let these words guide our actions and choices, reflecting them to others.

Each day offers countless opportunities to put faith into action: a quiet kindness to a neighbor, forgiveness given freely, a gentle word spoken when tempers run high. These gestures, though small, become powerful echoes of the divine love we are called to embody. Sometimes, the most profound obedience is found not in grand gestures, but in the steady rhythm of living faithfully, moment by moment, choice by choice.

Let us remember that observing the word of God is not a burden, but a blessing. It is an invitation to step into the fullness of God's promise—a promise of joy that surpasses circumstance, of hope that endures beyond sorrow, and of peace that blossoms even amid life's storms. When we follow this path, we discover that we are never alone; God's presence walks beside us, strengthening, guiding, and showering us with grace.

I pray that you find encouragement in these words. Let them stir in you a renewed desire to listen closely for the voice of God and to walk boldly in His word. For it is in this sacred practice that true blessings are found, not just for us, but for all whose lives we touch.

May the peace of Christ fill your heart today and always.

With peace and blessings,