



## Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge for March 2025 *Cor*

Each month, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori selects a brief passage from the Gospel reading of one of the Sunday Masses, shares a reflection on the passage, and issues a challenge for men to live during the month and discuss afterward.

This resource can easily be used for the Formation key element of *Cor*.

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

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- 1) Open with the Sign of the Cross and a brief prayer.
- 2) Re-read the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge with the challenge that was lived during the previous month.
- 3) Open the floor for discussion on what it was like to try and live the previous month's challenge. Every month has a number of *Questions for Reflection* that may help facilitate discussion. Attendees who did not undertake the previous month's challenge can still participate in the discussion.
- 4) When finished with the discussion, read the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge for the next month to prepare participants for the new challenge they will strive to live.
- 5) Close by asking if there are any intentions and end with a brief prayer.

### PREVIOUS FEBRUARY 2025 MONTHLY CHALLENGE:

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*Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." (Gospel for Feb. 9, Lk 5:5)*

St. Peter describes an experience to which many of us can relate. Sometimes, we work tirelessly at something but come up empty, failing at our task and seemingly accomplishing nothing. But Peter here finds overwhelming success when he listens to the Lord and tries again. It may remind us of the psalmist's words: "Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build" (Ps 127:1a). In everything we do, let us always seek to do God's will. Then, no matter the outcome, we will not have worked in vain.

**Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:** This month, I challenge you to begin each day by offering all your efforts to God. There are many different morning offering prayers; you can find one version in the Catholic Information Service booklet *Prayer Time* or in the *Vivat Jesus* spiritual planner.

**Questions for Reflection:** Do you feel that there have been times in your life you have worked in vain because you failed to recognize or follow God's will? Are you ever afraid to "lower the nets" by entrusting your efforts to God? What role does prayer play in growing in trust of God?

### NEXT MARCH 2025 MONTHLY CHALLENGE:

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*"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles." (Gospel for March 2, Lk 6:43-44)*

Scripture often reminds us that our faith must be made evident through our works, through the good that we do. If we are truly prayerful and holy in an interior way, we will also be productive in the world. Like a tree, we will be known by the fruit we produce. May we always be mindful that faith calls us to lead lives of virtue in service to God and neighbor.

**Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:** This month, I challenge you to prayerfully identify at least one area of your life where you could bear better fruit. Then, guided by the Holy Spirit, undertake at least one concrete resolution to improve.

*For more information on the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge visit: [kofc.org/monthlychallenge](http://kofc.org/monthlychallenge)*