



Year C – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: End of “A World” or “Your World”

***{Start with reviewing the previous Meetings Challenge or discuss prior to sharing this week's challenge.}**

Let’s Begin: Think about how the challenge went for the last session. What went well? What was difficult?

Opening Prayer:

Begin with a brief moment of silence shaking off any and all distractions or difficulties of the day and remembering that God is always with us.

Read: **Luke 21:5-19** - <https://bible.usccb.org/> - 11/13/2022, 11/16/2025, 11/19/2028

After the Reading Conclude with this prayer:

Lord we know that nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom and that our time on earth is finite. Give us the grace we need to strengthen our spiritual armor and live virtuously; especially in the conflicts and persecutions we face. We humbly ask You to strengthen our understanding, wisdom, courage, and faith so that we may persevere in fully trusting You in all areas of our lives. Amen.

Reflection or Discussion Question:

1. What feelings does this reading invoke? Concern, fear, trust, peace?

YouTube Video: Bishop comments on Apocalyptic Literature, Bishop Robert Barron (7.53 min) - <https://youtu.be/rrOQ3YKSEFQ>

Reflection or Discussion Questions:

2. Are there any initial thoughts/feelings the video brought up for you?
3. People seem captivated by the end of the world. Why do you think that is?
4. Has there been a time in your life when “your world” or your world view has been shattered and came tumbling down? What was that like?
5. Many scholars say that apocalyptic writings often refer to the end of “A WORLD” or “YOUR WORLD” rather than the physical world. Why do you think this shift of focus is important for us to think about?
6. Bishop Barron says, “Don’t panic...Don’t rest your life on anything other than God, because all is fleeting and passing.” How do you think/feel this can be applied to your own life?

Session Challenges: {Choose one or both}

- Pray with and truly take to heart this idea: if you knew the world would end in 40 days, what do you think you would do? How would you spiritually prepare? Are there any concrete actions you would take or people you would reach out to/forgive/make amends with?
- Actively take steps before the next meeting to grow in holiness. [Click here](#) for some suggestions.

Closing Prayer: (Leaders: We recommended offering time during the closing prayer for participants to offer personal intentions.)

Dear Lord, we thank You for Your living Word and Your desire to unveil Your truths to us. In this unstable world, help us to keep You at the center of our lives and always remember how much You love us. May we be ever mindful of Your great sacrifice, for it is through Your resurrection that we have been redeemed. We praise Your great name for the graces You continue to bestow on us and for the hope of one day uniting fully with You in heaven. May we be ever mindful of your eternal power and ask You to fill us with the strength we need to submit ourselves fully to Your will. Amen.

{Optional additional Readings} Sunday Reading 1: **Mal 3:19-20a**; Sunday Reading 2: **2 Thes 3:7-12**