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Tuesday of the 6th Week in OT
Mark 8: 14-21

HIS PROVIDENT CARE FOR US

We see in the gospel for today the anxiety of Jesus' apostles because they forgot to bring bread for their journey. They forget Jesus' generosity and kindness when in two occasions, He fed the five thousand people (we can find that in Mark 6:41-44, Matthew 14:17-21) and four thousand people (Mark 8:1-10, Matthew 15:34-38).

According to Pope Francis: "Trusting in God means to enter into his designs without demanding anything, even accepting that his salvation and his help should come to us in a different way from our expectations."¹

My sisters and brothers, do we allow uneasiness, anxiety or fear to keep us from trusting in God's provisions for our lives? Like the apostles, we too may easily get consumed with the problems, difficulties, and worries of the moment, and we forget God's steadfast presence with us every day! We just need to recognize Him. Let us not forget what God has already done for each of us everyday, the beautiful and good weather, the air that we breath, the food that we eat, the good company of people around us. Also, don't doubt the promises God will give to us in the future as well. As we always pray the Our Father, we may truly trust Him as we say "Father, give us this day our daily bread"

"When the people of Israel wandered in the desert homeless and helpless for forty years, God was with them every step of the way. And he provided for them shelter, food, water, and provision, as long as they trusted in him. Each day he gave them just what they needed. Jesus teaches us to trust in God's abiding presence with us and in his

¹ www.catholicnewsagency.com

promise to provide us what we need each and every day to live as his sons and daughters.”²

So, my dear sisters and brothers let us ask the Lord in this Eucharist that He may fill our hearts and mind with His abundant love and compassion and increase our faith in His provident care for us. Let His Word nourish and strengthen us in faith, hope and love. Trust Him, He will take care of us.

² dailyscripture.servantsoftheword.org