Scriptures for November 2026

Galatians 3:15

Brothers and sisters, I give an example from daily life: once a person's will has been ratified, no one adds to it or annuls it.

Psalm 147:1-12

Praise the Lord!
How good it is to sing praises to our God,
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.
He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.
Great is our Lord and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground.
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.
He covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow on the hills.
He gives to the animals their food
and to the young ravens when they cry.
His delight is not in the strength of the horse
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner,
but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.
Extol the Lord, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!

Matthew 18:1-5

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

Reflection

Following Christ with a steadfast heart does not mean lighting fireworks that flare up brightly and then go out. It means setting out, and then remaining, on a road of trust that can last our whole life long. This trust always remains humble. If faith became a spiritual retention, it would lead nowhere.

Endless discussions with ourselves can clutter our being and leave peace of heart far away. At such times, it takes courage to say to Christ, "Inner Light, do not let my darkness speak to me." Gospel joy, the spirit of praise, will always involve an inner decision. Daring to sing to God until we are joyful and serene. Not with just any kind of joy, but with that joy whi8ch comes straight from he wellsprings of the Gospel.