

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)



"You should wash each other's feet"
(John 13:14).

People Helping People is a small project founded in the Chapel of Penha de França to help those in need. Our former Bishop D. António once said, "One must find new ways of helping the poor". A very small group of people attending the English Mass decided to do just that after the floods in 2010! In a short period of time we created partnerships with supermarket chains and restaurants; we have paid dozens of medical prescriptions, we have spent gallons and gallons of petrol riding across the island giving lifts, we have prevented families from going hungry, getting their electricity cut off, running out of gas, losing their homes. **We have tried to keep them warm, keep them hopeful, and keep them dreaming...**

The Mission Statement of People Helping People is... through social solidarity, to mobilize many people to help many people in a combat against poverty, hunger, illness, exclusion, indifference, intolerance, and social injustice, with a special preference for the last, the least and the lost, having as a model the person of Jesus, the «Good Shepherd» (Gospel according to Luke, chapter 15). Our wish is that it may always be an open door when all the other doors close, building in this way, different feelings and acts of Mercy (Gospel according to Luke, chapter 6 and Matthew chapter 25).

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>> TRANSFER TO BANK ACCOUNT IN MADEIRA: ACCOUNT NAME:

Associação Gente Ajudando Gente

BANK: Banco Santander Totta

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0003 4938 1759020

IBAN: PT50 0018 0003 49381759020 94

SWIFT: TOTAPTPL

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>> DONATIONS FROM THE USA:

**Instructions for sending funds to
People Helping People in Madeira,
Portugal, from USA:**

Write a check made out to: Fr
Bernardino Andrade PHP
in the bottom of the check in Memo
area add: **PHP**



Mail the check to:

Mr. L.A. Contreras
60 Meeks Lane
Oakley, Ca 94561

The funds will then be transferred to
the People Helping People account in
Madeira, at no cost.

Any questions or concerns please
contact Larry Contreras at
707-333-5501 or email him at:
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>> DONATIONS FROM THE UK:

ACCOUNT NAME: Sinead Moynihan

BANK: Lloyds Bank

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 02461743

BRANCH: Univ. of Cambridge

SORT CODE: 30-13-55

IBAN: GB05 LOYD 3013 5502 4617 43

BIC: LOYDGB21035



The funds will then be transferred to Madeira.
Any questions or concerns about transferring to
this account, please contact Sinead Moynihan
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Food items are also appreciated and can be left in the basket at the Chapel door on Sunday mornings. When sending any donation, please send an email to penhafranca.newsletter@gmail.com with the date, and name on the transfer so that Fr. Bernardino is able to confirm with you as soon as the transfer is received. Thank you.

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JOYFUL GIFT

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Fr. John Maloney celebrating Mass at the
Chapel of Penha de França last Sunday

CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH

Good morning! This week we are once again blessed with the presence of **Father John Maloney**, who is in Madeira on holiday. Father John is from the UK, and will be celebrating Mass for us this morning at the request of. Father Bernardino. Thank you, Fr. John!

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(*Genesis 18:1-10; Psalm 14(15):2-5; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42*)

Abraham, settled by the oaks of Mamre, near Hebron, south of Jerusalem, gives proper hospitality to his three special visitors. He addresses only one of them as Lord, who promises a son to the couple in their old age. God's covenant promise to Abraham of countless descendants can now begin to come true. **The Psalm** lists the social virtues necessary to be at one with the Lord, especially justice and charity. Paul had explained to the Colossians that with Christ's death God's covenant plan is now back on track. Paul sees his afflictions as helping spread the knowledge of redemption and sees that God gives us the dignity of joining our sufferings to Christ's. The Jews believed that God would reveal his secret plans for creation: Paul says these have now been revealed – the mystery is Jesus the Christ, the man who is the revelation of God, now raised to the new life also promised to us. In **Luke's** description of Jesus' visit to Martha and Mary, their brother Lazarus is not mentioned. Like Sarah, Martha is busy preparing the meal. With so much to do she is naturally - but not obsessively - distracted, and asks for Mary's help. But Jesus reminds her that listening to the words of their prophetic guest is more important than domestic perfection.

PSALM RESPONSE: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

Entry - "This is the day..." - n. 574

Offertory - "Blest are you..." - n. 69

Amen - n. 727

Communion - "Take my life and let it be..." - n. 527

Thanksgiving - "O Lord hear my prayer..." - 418

Final - "Go the mass is ended..." - n. 175



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A PRICELESS PLASTIC ROSARY

Last week I was walking with a colleague of mine in the downtown of Funchal. We both need and deserve physical exercise. After stopping for a few moments to contemplate the ocean I was distracted by a young homeless man doing something that brought my curiosity. He would look very close to the pavement and then would bend down and pick up something that after being analyzed was thrown back to the pavement again. It didn't take too much time to

discover that he was searching for lost coins.

It's always disturbing for me to see a human being whom we Christians call Jesus, depending on lost coins to survive. I left my friend and approached the man. Politely I asked him if he wanted a cup of coffee. Of course he said yes. I dropped all my coins in his hands and we started a nice conversation.

His name was Pedro and he was suffering from epilepsy. The night before he had suffered an epileptic crisis. He lost his senses and instead of calling the ambulance somebody stole whatever he had.

Before, I used to think that the homeless people formed a «community» of friends. Maybe there are a few friends who help one another but what I suspect is that they consider themselves adversaries of each other and they compete for the «best» garbage cans and the best donors who treat them with compassion.

After spending some time sharing a few ideas and learning from one another I decided to say good bye. When I was ready to leave, Pedro took from his pocket a small plastic rosary and said: «this is for you». «But...» I stuttered «Maybe you would like to have it. Maybe you would need it». - I said.

But his answer was «I have another one». I never told him that I was a Catholic or that I was a Priest. I am wondering what made Pedro think that I was going to appreciate that rosary.



My priceless gift from a homeless brother

Now I have with me a «cheap» plastic rosary that for me is a priceless gift from a homeless brother.

Love and Peace
Fr. Bernardino Andrade,
17-07-2022

HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE 5 FINGER PRAYER ?

INDEX FINGER
FOR THE ONES THAT TEACH US
For those who instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others.

MIDDLE FINGER
FOR OUR GOVERNORS
As it is the tallest finger, it reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority.

RING FINGER
FOR THE SICK AND WEAKEST
It is our weakest finger. It reminds us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems.

THE THUMB
FOR THE ONES WE LOVE
Start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the easiest to remember.

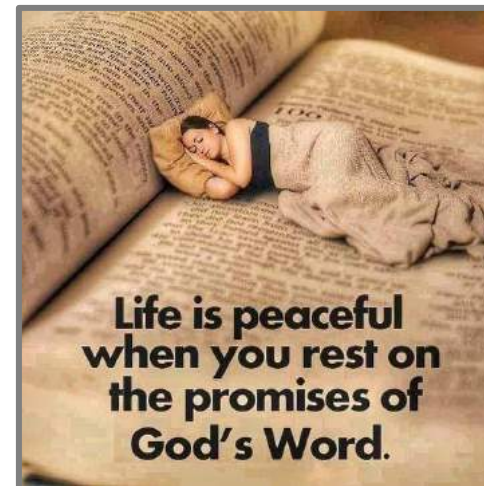
THE PINKY
PRAY FOR YOURSELF
The smallest finger should remind you to pray for your own needs when you are done praying for the other four groups.

THE 5 FINGER PRAYER
BY POPE FRANCIS

SOURCE:
CATHOLIC.ORG - POPE FRANCIS' FIVE FINGER PRAYER
<http://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=3396>

CatholicLink

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK



God

Seek Him

Because Google doesn't have all the answers

DID YOU KNOW?

What are the items used at Mass?
Practical guide of the objects used at the altar CatholicLink

<p>Chalice</p> <p>A large cup used to hold the wine which becomes the Blood of Christ.</p>	<p>Purificator</p> <p>A white cloth that the priest uses to cleanse the chalice.</p>	<p>Ciborium</p> <p>It is used to hold the hosts which will be used for communion.</p>	<p>Corporal</p> <p>A linen cloth on which the vessels (with bread and wine) are placed.</p>	<p>Pail</p> <p>It is a stiff, square, white cover that is placed over the chalice.</p>
<p>Host and paten</p> <p>The host is placed in the paten (a saucer-like disk).</p>	<p>Lavabo and manuterge</p> <p>They are used by the priest to wash his hands during Mass.</p>	<p>Cruets</p> <p>Small vessels that hold the water and wine.</p>	<p>Roman Missal</p> <p>It contains the prayers, chants and instructions for the Mass.</p>	<p>Candles and crucifix</p> <p>It reminds us of the sacrifice of Christ, Light of the World.</p>