

**SUNDAY, February 14, 2021**  
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Prayer for the Morning**

Christ heals all ills: let us give thanks and praise!  
**Glory to the Father... Amen. Alleluia!**

Hymn Meter: LM

Our wounds may best prepare our hearts  
To see beyond the known and near—  
Ten lepers watched the Lord approach  
And spoke their hopes for all to hear.  
As always Jesus' heart was stirred,  
Requiting eagerness with grace;  
He sent the ten to give the priests  
A glimpse of new creation's face.  
And as they went the healing took—  
Their skin, their health, their lives restored.  
Nine men went on to find the priests,  
The tenth went back to bless the Lord.

Psalm 146

*A leper came to him [and kneeling down] begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." (Mk 1:40)*

*Faith asks; God gives. We may not suffer from leprosy, but where our faith in God's love for us has grown weak, let us pray with the leper to be healed.*

My soul, give praise to the Lord;  
I will praise the Lord all my days,  
make music to my God while I live.  
Put no trust in princes,  
in mortal men in whom there is no help.  
Take their breath, they return to clay  
and their plans that day come to nothing.  
He is happy who is helped by Jacob's God,  
whose hope is in the Lord his God,  
who alone made heaven and earth,  
the seas and all they contain.  
It is he who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free,  
the Lord who gives sight to the blind,

who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphan.  
It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age.

**Glory to the Father**

Word of God Matthew 7:7-8

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

*Strong is God's love for us!* *(cf. Ps 117:2)*

Canticle of Zechariah

*Whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. (Jn 14:13)*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Glory to the Father...**

## Intercessions

Let us pray for healing:

**R/Lord**, have mercy!

When suffering dims our memory of your love for us,

– grant us the light to recall the power of your cross: **R/**

When weakness deludes us into doubting your power,

– grant us clarity of faith, that we may call upon you for help: **R/**

When our ills seem too great to be healed,

– grant us trust in your help: **R/**

## **Personal intentions**

### **Our Father....**

God of all goodness, no condition of ours will turn you away from us whom you have redeemed through the Death and Resurrection of your Son. Strengthen us in faith, that we may put our trust in your love for us in every circumstance, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Mass**

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## Reading 1                      Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head.

“The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, ‘Unclean, unclean!’ As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp.”

## Reading 2

1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1

Brothers and sisters: Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

## Gospel

Mark 1: 40-45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, “If you wish, you can make me clean.” Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, “I do will it. Be made clean.” The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, “See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them.”

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

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### **Men of St. Joseph Prayer**

St. Joseph, help me to be like you. Help me to be obedient to the teachings of the Church and faithful to God’s commands. Help me to patiently endure my cross each day. Let me be a model of holiness and a pillar of virtue. I solemnly promise to embrace God’s will and I accept the challenge to work tirelessly for my family’s salvation. Be my guide and companion on this journey. St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us!

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