

SUNDAY, October 24, 2021
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prayer for the Morning

Our God is a merciful God. Come, let us adore him.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!

Hymn **Meter: 76 76 D**

Have mercy, Son of David!
By mercy set us free.
Have mercy, Son of David!
O Lord, that we may see.
For we, like Bartimaeus,
Cry out with heart and soul.
We ask for faith to follow,
For faith to make us whole.
Have mercy, Son of David!
Give us your eyes to see
That we may see the Kingdom
In its simplicity.
May we behold the glory,
The majesty and grace
Of your mysterious beauty
Alive in every face.

Psalm **51:3-4, 8-15**

Then David said...: "I am in dire straits. But I prefer to fall into the hand of the Lord, whose mercy is very great, than into the hands of men." (1 Chr 21:13)

The mercy of God is all-seeing. His healing power cures us of our spiritual blindness so that, forgiven, like David, we may see with his eyes of mercy.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offense.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.
Indeed you love truth in the heart;
then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.
O purify me, then I shall be clean;
O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.
Make me hear rejoicing and gladness,
that the bones you have crushed may revive.
From my sins turn away your face
and blot out all my guilt.
A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,

nor deprive me of your holy spirit.
Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervor sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you.

Glory to the Father....

Word of God **Titus 3:4-8**

When the kindness and generous love/ of God our savior appeared,/ not because of any righteous deeds we had done/ but because of his mercy,/ he saved us through the bath of rebirth/ and renewal by the holy Spirit,/ whom he richly poured out on us/ through Jesus Christ our savior,/ so that we might be justified by his grace/ and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

This saying is trustworthy. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,/ the ears of the deaf be cleared.
(Is 35:5)

Canticle of Zechariah

Out of gloom and darkness,/ the eyes of the blind shall see.
(Is 29:18)

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

With confidence in the healing mercy of God, we pray:

R/ Have mercy on us, God, in your kindness.

For the times when we have chosen our own will over love of you: **R/**

For the times when we have been blind to your compassion: **R/**

For the times when we have not shown mercy to those who are under our care: **R/**

Personal intentions

Our Father....

Father, you revealed your Son to us so that he might show us the way to everlasting life. May we have constant recourse to the Holy Name of Jesus, and in doing so grow ever closer to you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Reading 1 **Jeremiah 31:7-9**

Thus says the Lord:/ Shout with joy for Jacob,/ exult at the head of the nations;/ proclaim your praise and say:/ The Lord has delivered his people,/ the remnant of Israel./ Behold, I will bring them back/ from the land of the north;/ I will gather them from the ends of the world,/ with the blind and the lame in their midst,/ the mothers and those with child;/ they shall return as an immense throng./ They departed in tears,/ but I will console them and guide them;/ I will lead them to brooks of water,/ on a level road, so that none shall stumble./ For I am a father to Israel,/ Ephraim is my first-born.

Reading 2 **Hebrews 5:1-6**

Brothers and sisters: Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. In the same way, it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest, but rather the one who said to him:

You are my son;/ this day I have begotten you; just as he says in another place: You are a priest forever/ according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel **Mark 10:46-52**

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

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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