

SMALL PRAYER GROUPS
Prayer Gathering for October 24

SIGN OF THE CROSS +

OPENING PRAYER

**God of King David, Father of Jesus,
Your Son brought divine healing to every broken life he touched.
Please bring his love and mercy into each of our lives
and infuse us with your grace.
We ask this in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ, our Lord. AMEN.**

READING

MOMENT FOR SILENCE

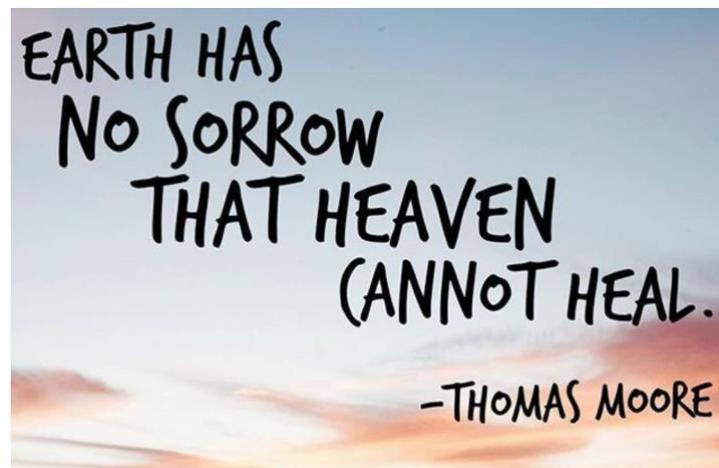
GOSPEL PASSAGE

SHARING QUESTIONS

“They departed in tears, but I will console them and guide them.”
God’s support can guide us through even the toughest times. What’s the hardest thing you have ever needed to recover from? How did your faith survive it?

“He kept calling out all the more: ‘Son of David, have pity on me!’
Jesus stopped and said, ‘Call him.’”
The pain of one man stopped Jesus in his tracks. What kind of pain stops you in your tracks when you see someone suffering from it?

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DISCUSSION

“Jesus said to him, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’
The blind man replied to him, ‘Master, I want to see.’”
**If Jesus asked you this question, what would you ask him for?
What makes that your choice?**

SON OF DAVID LITANY

When I can't see clearly and the future looks bleak...

Jesus, Son of David, Have pity on me.

When the problems I can't escape grind me down into the mud...

Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me.

When my hope is vanishing away and my dread is looming large...

Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me.

When my anger made me say things that now I can't take back...

Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me.

When I see I've lost my focus and now need to start again...

Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me.

When my jealousy and envy rob me of my gratitude...

Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me.

When my health is in decline and my thoughts turn dark and cold...

Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me.

When the absence of those I've loved and lost makes my heart and spirit ache...

Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me.

OUR FATHER

[OPTIONAL] PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (St. Alphonsus Ligouri)

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already here, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN.

CLOSING PRAYER

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.

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READING 1

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

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.*

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

READING 2

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

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.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ

Mark, chapter 10