

**Affirmation Prayer...**

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

**All: 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.

**All: 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.**

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)

**All: 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.**

**All: 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.**

**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**

**All: Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be  
Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be  
done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this  
day, our daily bread, and forgive us our  
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass  
against us. And lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil.**

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.

**SUNDAY, October 24, 2021**  
**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

The Lord says this:  
Shout with joy for Jacob!  
Hail the chief of nations!  
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:  
'The Lord has saved his people,  
the remnant of Israel!'

See, I will bring them back  
from the land of the North  
and gather them from the far ends of earth;  
all of them: the blind and the lame,  
women with child, women in labour:  
a great company returning here.

They had left in tears,  
I will comfort them as I lead them back;  
I will guide them to streams of water,  
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.  
For I am a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

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

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

**Gospel** **Mark 10:46-52**

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

**Men of St. Joseph Prayer**

**All: 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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