

October 9th 2022 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year C – Luke 17: 11-19

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”!

<p>➤ Read and re-read – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</p> <p>➤ Meditate - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life</p>	<p>➤ Pray - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition</p> <p>➤ Action – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do</p>
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In this Sunday’s gospel we read about the curing of the ten lepers and the one grateful Samaritan who earned the praise of Jesus because he was the only one who returned to give thanks. The fact that only one returned to give thanks reminds us what a rare and wonderful gift gratitude is. As the lepers were going their way they were cleansed. Jesus had worked a miraculous cure but it was their setting out with confidence to “show themselves to the priests” that had the healing and empowering effect.

Do we take time to thank God for the wonderful gifts He has given us? Do we share our healing stories with others and let them know that Jesus is there for them also, especially if they feel isolated and rejected like the lepers.

Prayer:

Thank you Lord for the people who notice those in need as they travel along the borders of their societies and let them know that they are special and encourage them to walk with their head high in confidence.

Forgive us Lord for the times when we, by our actions have made people feel unclean because of their marriage break up, sexual orientation or members of their families being in prison or on drugs.

Help us Lord to come to those in need without condensation not as chosen people but as Samaritans who know what it is like to be in need.

