



This Sunday's Gospel
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
(Mark 9:30-37)

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to ask him.

And they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" But they were silent; for on the way they had discussed with one another who was the greatest. And he sat down and called the twelve; and he said to them, "If any one would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." And he took a child, and put him in the midst of them; and taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

This is the Gospel of the Lord



Prayer One

The Sign of the Cross

Let us remember that everything we do is in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Reflection:

*This Saturday (21st) was the United Nations INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY
This links really well with our theme for the week.
What better way to serve the world than create peace?*



Peace starts with individual action, and your actions will inspire others.

How will you make peace?

Maybe you would like to make a “Peace wall” in your tutor base. You can each be a brick in our wall of Peace by making a “Pledge for Peace” on a piece of card, a “brick”

Now take a few moments to think about what you can do in your own life to create peace...what will your “Peace Pledge” be?

- *A smile to someone you don't normally speak to?*
- *A prayer for peace?*
- *An apology to someone?*
- *A thank you to someone?*
- *Holding a door open ?*
- *Posting about Peace day on social media?*



**PEACE
ONE DAY**

Final Prayer

Loving Father,

**we are horrified at violence
in so many parts of the world.
It seems that none are safe, and some are terrified.
Hold back the hands that kill and maim;
turn around the hearts that hate.
Grant instead your strong Spirit of Peace -
peace that passes our understanding
but changes lives,**

In the name of the Father and of the Son...



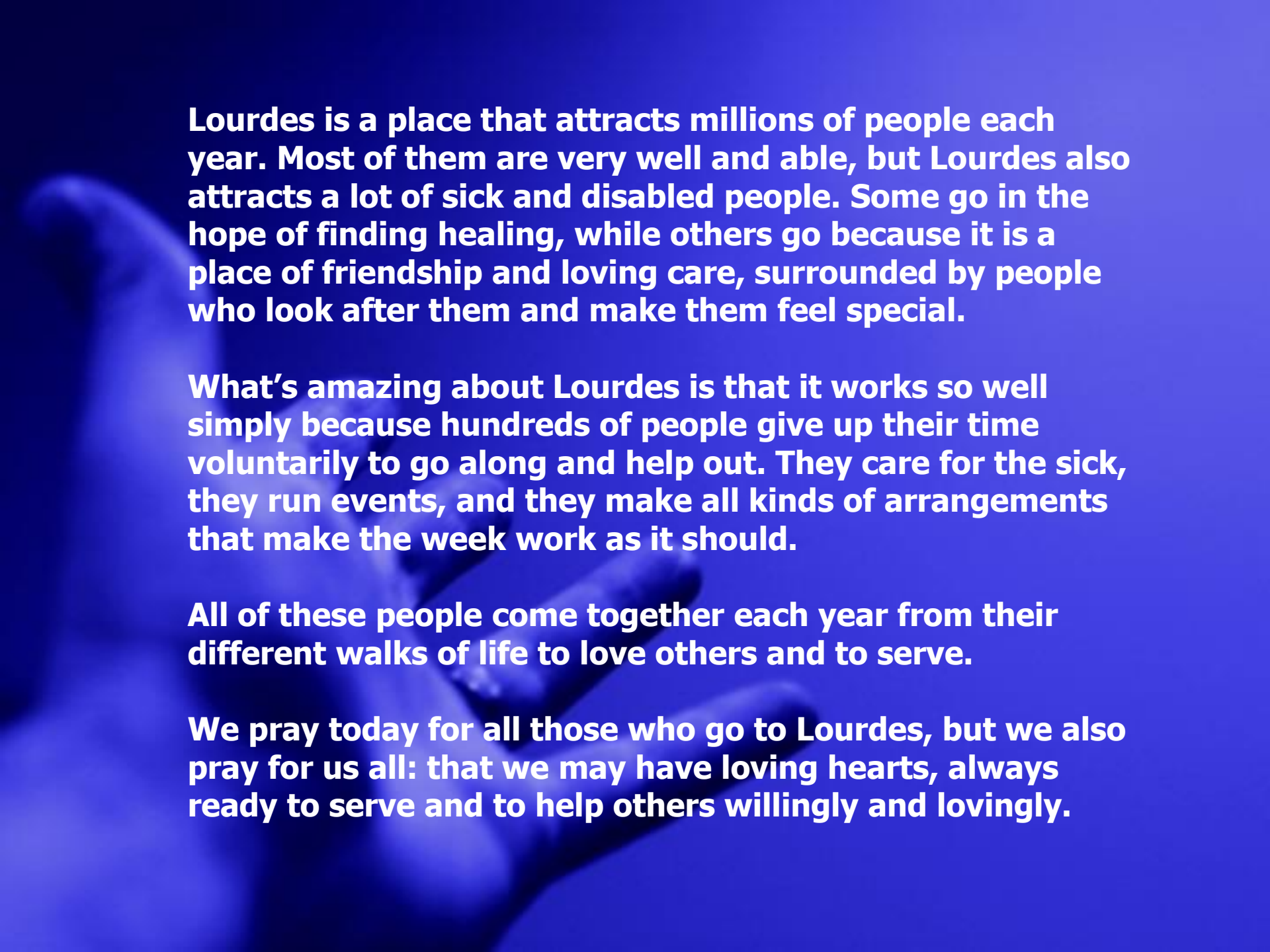
Prayer Two

The Sign of the Cross

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Reflection:

In assembly last week you heard that each year around a thousand people from our diocese go on Pilgrimage to Lourdes in the South of France. They go to remember the fact that Mary once appeared there. But they also go to serve others, and to enjoy themselves as they do.



Lourdes is a place that attracts millions of people each year. Most of them are very well and able, but Lourdes also attracts a lot of sick and disabled people. Some go in the hope of finding healing, while others go because it is a place of friendship and loving care, surrounded by people who look after them and make them feel special.

What's amazing about Lourdes is that it works so well simply because hundreds of people give up their time voluntarily to go along and help out. They care for the sick, they run events, and they make all kinds of arrangements that make the week work as it should.

All of these people come together each year from their different walks of life to love others and to serve.

We pray today for all those who go to Lourdes, but we also pray for us all: that we may have loving hearts, always ready to serve and to help others willingly and lovingly.



Final Prayer

Loving Father,

We remember in a special way today all those who are sick and all those who take the time to care for them. We also remember Lourdes in our prayers*, and all those who travel here each year.

Help us always to have eyes that are open and hearts that are kind: that we may notice when others are in need and respond generously.

In the name of the Father and of the Son...

Prayer Three

The Sign of the Cross

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Reflection

When we think about service, we naturally think about some of the people in the history of our faith who have served others well...

One of the best examples of service in the history of our faith was Mother Teresa. Hence, she is now known as *Saint Teresa of Calcutta*.

Teresa was an Albanian woman born in 1910. When she was just 18 she left home to become a nun and she was sent to India. After a few years teaching in India, Teresa felt called to respond to the poverty that she saw around her, and so she left the school where she was teaching and went into the slums around her to work with the poor and needy and to live among them. She set to work with the poor, the sick, the oppressed, with orphans, children and with families.

Mother Teresa started an organisation to help her in her work. By the time of her death it had 610 missions over 120 countries.

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PERSON NEAREST YOU.
-MOTHER TERESA

The background of the entire page is a close-up, slightly blurred view of many small, round candles. One candle in the upper right quadrant is lit, casting a warm, yellow glow that illuminates the surrounding unlit candles. The overall color palette is dominated by dark browns and oranges, with the light from the single flame providing a focal point of brightness.

Final Prayer:

Loving Father,

You touch the hearts of people like Mother Teresa and you bless them with generosity and courage. In truth, though, you bless us all with exactly the same gifts and you ask us to use them well.

Help us to be people who go the extra mile to look after others. Help us to be the solution to people's troubles when every hope seems lost.

In the name of the Father and of the Son...

Final Thought...

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Next weeks theme: Team Work