

Prayer Resources

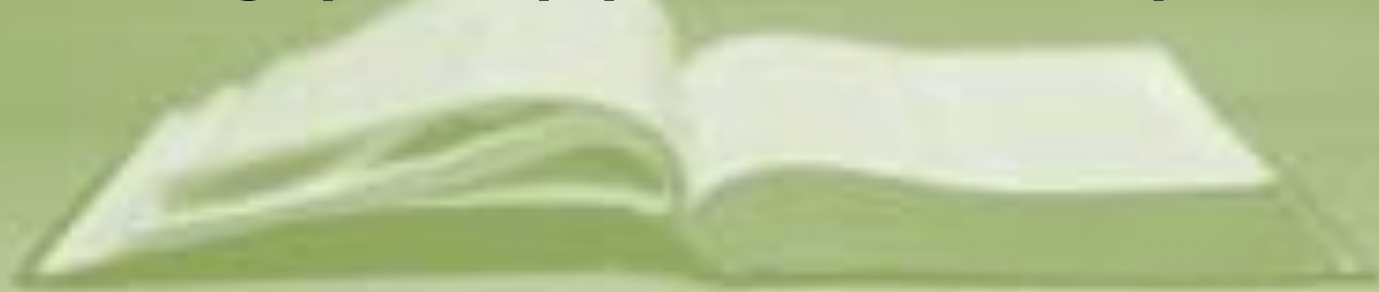
Week 7

Monday 10th October



This Sunday's Gospel Reading
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
(Luke 17: 11-19)

On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."



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 week's Gospel reading
tells us the story - a true story, this
time, not a parable - about Jesus
healing ten lepers.***





Can you think of a time when you were relieved of something that was causing you a lot of hassle?

Maybe you had a cast taken off a broken bone or maybe you came off crutches. Or maybe you had a nasty cold that lifted and you felt better.

Those moments are amazing - because for a little while what's actually very normal seems extraordinary and amazing.

That's what healing - our theme this week - does that is so wonderful. It removes barriers that stop us from living a normal life.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus heals ten lepers, and he continues to heal today.

Perhaps this week, we can take a little time to pray for the people and situations we are aware of in the world that need healing.



Final Prayer

LOVING FATHER...

Through your love and your power you can heal all wounds and restore all things to life.

We ask you today to be with all those we know who are in need of any sort of healing, whether physical, emotional or some other kind.

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

Prayer Two

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: The 12th October was the Feast
of Saint Wilfrid, the patron of our
community.*



Most of us will know about the story of Saint Wilfrid, and when you look at his life a lot of things stand out. One of those things that stands out is passion. Wilfrid had a passion for people, a passion for the Gospel, a passion for doing things properly.

Maybe that's why it's such a good idea that schools are named after Wilfrid. After all, in a way schools exist to help people to discover what they are passionate about and to give them the tools to pursue those passions.

This week, have a think about the things that are important to you... What do you want to do in life? How do you want to make a difference in the world?

As you're thinking about these things, ask Saint Wilfrid to pray with you and for you.



Final Prayer

LOVING FATHER...

Help our community to be guided and enriched by the life and passion of Saint Wilfrid, and help us as individuals to discover what we are passionate about and to pursue our passions with integrity and with love

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.



Prayer Three

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: During this week in 1978 the world was surprised when a virtually unknown Polish Cardinal was elected Pope. In the 27 years that followed, Pope John Paul II would become the third-longest reigning Pope in history. He would play a part in the end of oppressive communist regimes and he would become one of the most important figures of the twentieth century.



Among the many things that he said and taught, John Paul II had a great deal to say about gratitude and about the fact that through the life and death of Jesus Christ, we discover the people that we were born to be.

In 2002 during the World Youth Day in Toronto, when he was speaking to nearly 1 million young people, he offered these words of encouragement, about how we should view ourselves and about how we should view God:

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"We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures. We are the sum of the Father's love for us and the real capacity to become the image of his son."



Final Prayer

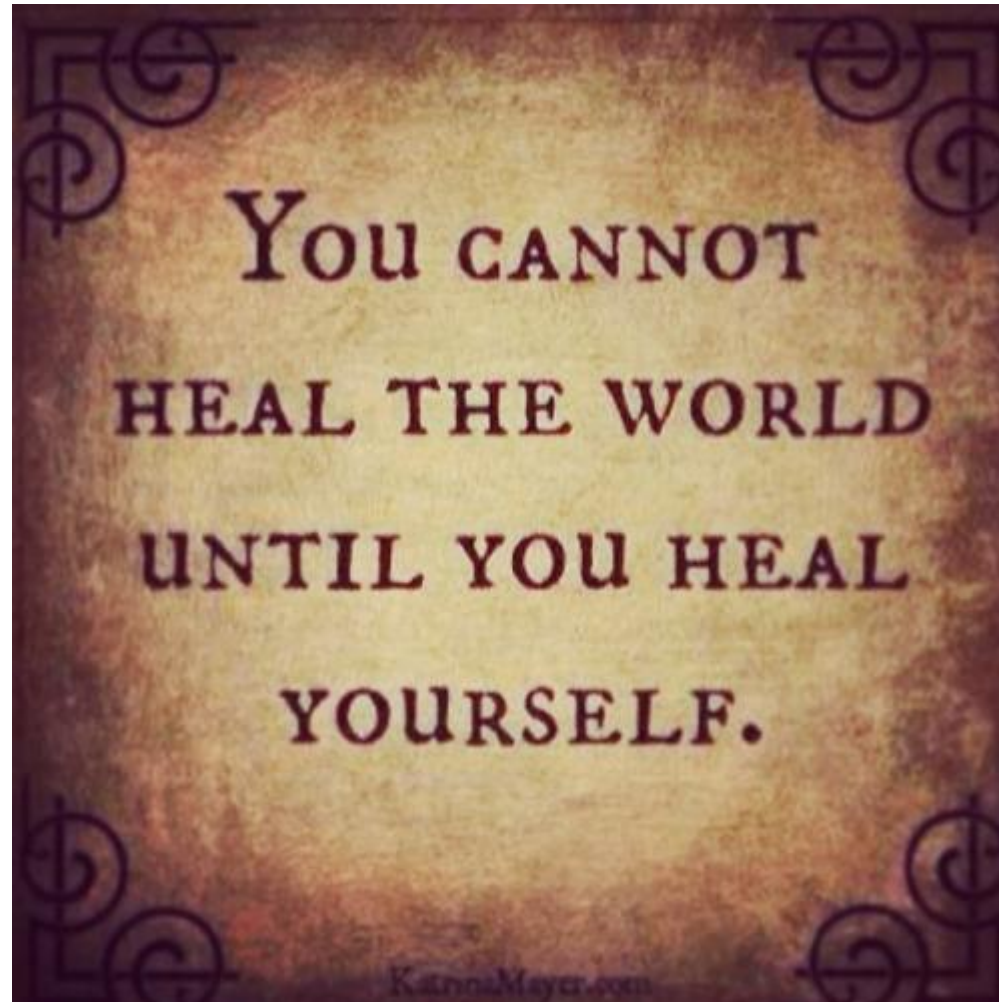
Loving Father,

Help us not to dwell on our weaknesses and on the things we don't do so well, but rather help us to remember that you love us even with our imperfections. Help us to see that we are alive, beautiful, talented, rich, generous, happy and kind... and not because we have earned these things but because you made us and because you love us.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Final Thought...



*Next weeks theme: **Prayer***