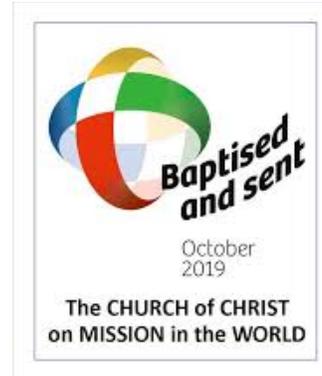


LIVING FAITH

OCTOBER 13, 2019
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
THANKSGIVING



THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, '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 made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

TAKING THE GOSPEL HOME

When you hear this story, do you focus on the nine lepers who went their way after being healed, never thinking to say "Thank you" to Jesus? Or does your mind go to the one who came back to express gratitude? Or does your mind turn to Jesus, to marvel at his free and generous love? We tend to focus on the lepers who were healed, and there is some justification in that! But this is really a story about Jesus, and how He shows the great love of God, and the desire of God that we all be free, healed and happy. Healing is different than curing, but that's a conversation for another day. Today is a day to give thanks for the amazing, overwhelming love of God, who offers us fullness of life every day.

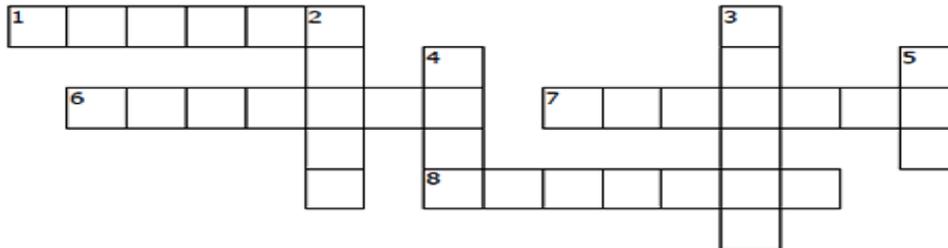
PONDER AND DISCUSS

- What about you? do you focus on the nine lepers who went their way after being healed, never thinking to say "Thank you" to Jesus? Or does your mind go to the one who came back to express gratitude? Or does your mind turn to Jesus, to marvel at his free and generous love?
- How has Jesus shown love and generosity to you?
- What is your response to this great love?

Jesus Heals Ten Lepers

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. Luke 17:15 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 17:11-19 (NIV)



ACROSS

1. A person ordained to perform religious duties in the church
6. A community smaller in than a city
7. To rid of impurities by or as if by washing
8. An infectious disease that damages a person's nerves and skin

DOWN

2. To express gratitude to someone for something they have done
3. To honor, worship, and express admiration to God
4. To restore to health
5. The number equal to 7 + 3

THANK	TEN	CLEANSE	LEPROSY
PRAISE	HEAL	PRIEST	VILLAGE

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World Mission Sunday: Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. Every parish across the globe will celebrate this event. It is a global sign of the universal Church and mission. On this day, Pope Francis invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for the Propagation of the Faith. Your support will help missionaries in proclaiming the Gospel of joy and peace around the world. Please join in this special day which unites Catholics from all over the world through prayer and care for the Church's mission. Your donations will support churches, hospitals, schools, and train Seminarians and religious Brothers and Sisters in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and Oceania.

**OCTOBER IS EXTRAORDINARY MISSION MONTH
A THOUGHT AND AN ACTION FOR THE DAY**

Sunday, October 13

Reflection: Pope Francis encourages us to listen to both the cry of Earth and the cry of the poor. (LS #49)

Action: Reflect on how the cry of Earth and the cry of the poor are one? Are linked?

Monday, October 14

Reflection: We need to strengthen the conviction that we are a single human family. (LS #52)

Action: Think of the many ways we are interdependent and thus one family.

Tuesday, October 15

Reflection: "Observe and understand that the hand of the Lord has done this" (Is. 41:20)

Action: Keep your eyes open for signs of the Kingdom among you and within you.

Wednesday, October 16

Reflection: "I am with you always, even to the ends of the earth". (Matt. 28:20)

Action: Take a few moments to concentrate on the reality of God's indwelling presence within and around us.

Thursday, October 17

Reflection: "Let them discourse of the glory of your Kingdom" (Psalm 145:11)

Action: Talk about some of the things you see God is doing through his people and through his Church.

Friday, October 18

Reflection: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah" (Psalm 85:8)

Action: Remember all the ways God has been good to you.

Saturday, October 19

Reflection: "We are invited to confirm our Baptismal identity in a personal encounter with the living person of Jesus Christ". (Cardinal Filoni)

Action: Do something today that expresses your Baptismal identity- you are God's own child, Baptized into the Church. Today, one of your sisters or brothers needs your care.

PRAYER FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY MISSION MONTH

Heavenly Father, when your only begotten Son Jesus Christ rose from the dead,
he commissioned his followers to "go and make disciples of all nations"

and you remind us that through our Baptism
we are made sharers in the mission of the Church.

Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit

to be courageous and zealous in bearing witness to the Gospel,

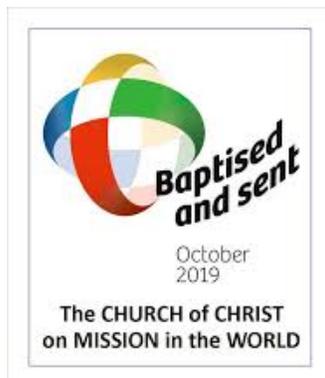
so that the mission entrusted to the Church, which is still very far from completion,
may find new and efficacious expressions that bring life and light to the world.

Help us make it possible for all peoples to experience the saving love
and mercy of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever. Amen.

CHRISTIANS – MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Do you realize you are a “Missionary Disciple” when...

- ... you are volunteering in your parish or with a helping organization?
- ... you are caring for a loved one?
- ... you donate funds to a good cause?
- ... you pray for missionaries in foreign lands?
- ... you give a helping hand to a stressed young mother or single mother?
- ... you financially support a mission in a foreign country?
- ... you volunteer at your local food bank?
- ... you give a listening ear to a distressed person?
- ... you live out the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy?
- ... you care for Earth, our common home?
- ... you give a needy person some spare change or buy them a coffee?
- ... you volunteer at The Gathering Place or your local food bank?
- ... you visit a lonely person?
- ... you engage in everyday actions of kindness to others and the world?



Watch a video about the Extraordinary Mission month [here](#).

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