

30th **SUNDAY GOSPEL**
23rd of October 2022 - Cycle C



"YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES".

The World Mission Sunday is the day when, in a special way, the universal Church prays for missionaries and collaborates with the missions.

This year the World Mission Sunday celebrates **200 years of missionary service.**

We are mission

THE LORD IS



...IN THE SILENCE OF THE LITTLE ONES

SETTING

Space and time, in which I meet you, in which I prepare myself from the limited reality that I am to listen to you, in yourself and in each person, my brethren, with whom I share the life that you have given.

Those of us who seek you, Lord, are clear that we will lack nothing, because we know that you inspire our lives, encouraging them in the challenges of each day.

It is a privilege to have times and moments dedicated to you, in solitude, in silence. These moments are the food of our life, what strengthens it and directs it towards the others.

A life out of ourselves, a life that proclaims, from the gesture, the grace of the one who summons us and sends us.

SONG. Nobody loves me like you: Chris Tomlin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-KicvBB2L68->

GOSPEL – Luke 18, 9-14

“He also told some who considered themselves righteous and despised others, this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray; one Pharisee and the other tax collector. The Pharisee, standing, prayed in his interior in this way: "O God! I thank you that I am not like other people, thieves, unjust, adulterers, nor like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income. “but the tax collector, on the other hand, keeping his distance, did not even dare raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his chest, saying: "O God! Have mercy on me, a sinner!" I tell you that this one went home justified rather than the other; For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled; and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

We deepen the Gospel

A small observation before entering the text: Luke makes it clear that it is a parable... so let us not believe that all the Pharisees and all the tax collectors, from the time of Jesus, are like the example that is presented to us in this text. Actually, Jesus describes to us two attitudes, very peculiar, to highlight the moral of the story; Jesus wants us to reflect on our own attitude: we are probably going to discover that, as far as we are concerned, we adopt one or the other as we find ourselves.

Tax collectors were frowned upon, and at least by some of them, there was reason why they should be. Let us not forget that it was a period of occupation. The tax collectors were at the service of the occupants: they were "collaborators"; In addition, they served the Roman power in a very sensitive area for all humans in the world, and in all periods of history: taxes. That is right; the Roman power fixed the sum that it demanded from the citizens; sum that the tax collector advanced. Afterwards, they had full power to get

reimbursed by the citizens... And they got reimbursed with a vengeance, of course! The Pharisees, on the other hand, more than deserved their good reputation: scrupulously faithful to the Law, their asceticism (fasting twice a week at least and the Law did not ask for so much!), and the regular practice of almsgiving, his desire to please God.

And everything that the Pharisee says in a sentence is undoubtedly true: he does not invent anything; only that, in reality, that is not a true prayer but a contemplation of oneself. The Pharisee does not pray, the Pharisee takes pleasure in looking at himself. The last sentence of the text thus puts each one in his place: "He who exalts himself will be humbled; he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Humble yourself, is to recognize small what, deep down, is a great truth and, naturally, leads to consider that others are superior. Saint Paul says, in one of his letters: "consider all others as superior to you". It is not necessary to be self-conscious, simply recognize that you are not brilliant and that is precisely where the adventure with God can begin. The first Beatitude says so: "Blessed are the poor at heart, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Imaginative Contemplation

- After reading the text slowly, keep it in your thoughts, imagine the place, the environment.
- - Place yourself inside each of the characters: Pharisee, Tax collector.
- - Imagine Jesus, what does he think? What are you doing?
- - Remember so many people who live locked in mental structures that oppress them. Conclude your prayer with some gesture of gratitude and thanks.

AMBIENTAL MUSIC. HEALING TOUCH – Paul Avgerinos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G1oJefqZwcs>

YOU INSPIRE MY LIFE

But the Lord was by my side and gave me strength so that, through me, the message would be fully proclaimed and all the nations would hear it... Timothy 4, 6-8. 16-18

BETWEEN THE CULT AND LIFE

Go up to the temple,
Consider myself fair
And despise the other,
It is not God.
Religious blindness
It does not let me see well,
The good and bad...
Our prayer,
Are sometimes
Sick monologues.
They favour seeing
What and how
One wants to see
And check,
In the obsessed conscience,
The one who does everything
well.
Bill the other
Even to God.
God takes into account
Other things ok
Other than compliance,
Such as layout,
Humility, simplicity.

Who is found
With that God
Find your next
Let us pray simple prayers
That connects our being,
With the life.
God who loves us all,
Although, he has preferences,
For the poor, the simple,
The oppressed, the orphans,
the marginalized, the children,
the elderly, migrants,
the sad ones, those who do
not dream...
Let us make a prayer in which
the works speak and remain
silent
Words.
the one who humbles himself
find that god
not the perfect one
unaware, if not
Simple, good people,
That waits for you and hugs
you.

SONG. Lord have mercy on me – Evangelization channel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3KeQIr5yjrU>



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