

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Families in Mission:

What do you want me to do for you?



1.-Introduction:

How would you feel if someone asked you “What do you want me to do for you?” Happy? Grateful? In today’s gospel, we find Bartimaeus, lying on the side of the road, set apart, and on the sidelines because of his blindness, being asked the same question by Jesus “What would you like me to do for you?” How would Bartimaeus have felt? Jesus’ loving actions and attitudes invite us to look with compassion on the needs of others. Who are the people of today, like Bartimaeus, who are ignored? What ways can we continue to respond as Jesus did?



Put a photo in your sacred space to remind you of the poor and helpless.

2.-Opening Prayer:

Dear Jesus,

Like Bartimaeus, we ask “that we may see.” With your actions and attitudes you showed us the merciful face of God, your Father. Help us to look upon the needs of others with compassion. Give us your Spirit so that like you, we too will be willing to reach out to assist the poorest and most abandoned today with actions and attitudes of love.

Amen.



3.-Sharing the Good News:

Read the Gospel

Mk 10:46-52



4.-Reflect Together:

Discuss some or all of these questions as a family

- What are some actions and attitudes of love that could be practiced within the family?
- What are the actions and attitudes of love your family could offer in the community (neighborhood, school, parish, community center, etc.)
- As a family, what are some actions and attitudes of love that we could offer to poor and needy?



5.-Take action as a family:

- Start at home: Be intentional about helping this week. Ask a family member, “What do you want me to do for you?” Then do it. Make it a practice to ask what help is needed and then follow up by helping out.
- Now apply the same practice to your community (neighborhood, school, parish, community center, etc.): Do this experiment this week – Identify a Bartimaeus in the community, that is, a person with some need and try to share something with this person (a conversation, lunch, etc.) Over dinner with your family, share how you felt and how you think the other person felt.
- Actions and attitudes of love without limits: As a family, commit to helping some poor or needy person.

6.- Closing Prayer:

Dear God,

You who hear the desperate cry of those who suffer, help us so that we are sensitive to the needs of the poor and helpless. You who always take the initiative to love us, help us share that love through small gestures and attitudes in our daily lives.

Amen.



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