

Give glory to God

Weekly Reflections
12th October 2025
28th Week in Ordinary Time



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 17: 11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus 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, 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 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 Jesus answered, '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.'

Prayer for the Week

Loving God,

We pray for those whose faith has been undermined by disputes and division; who feel hurt and let down by what has taken place. Allow us to Give Glory to God by being united in Christ.

Amen

Day 1

Who in the Gospel turned back and praised God?
What did they recognise that the others didn't?

Day 2

Borders can create division, why is this?
The teachings of Christ are for all, how can we show Christ to all?

Day 3

Be **Active** and **Curious** by praying one decade of the Rosary to our Lady to someone who is in need?

Theme of the Week – Give glory to God

In the Gospel on Sunday we hear of a Samaritan meeting Jesus. We previously heard of the Good Samaritan last academic year (the Gospel from Sunday 13th July, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time). And the Samaritans were a group with both a Jewish and pagan heritage. Although they revered Yahweh (a Hebrew name for God) as did the Jews, their faith was not the common Judaism of that day, hence Samaritans were looked down upon. And in the Gospel reading from Sunday, it is the Samaritan (the person seen not to have the fullest, truest faith) who recognised the work of God. Just like when it was the Good Samaritan who actioned the true love of God by attending to the hurt and wounded. In addition to this, the Samaritan was one of 10 who also suffered from leprosy. Lepers suffered not just through the disease but they were cast out from their homes and communities. Jesus however took pity on all who came to him for healing.

Leprosy was seen to be a punishment for sin. So in the Gospel we see two groups despised at the time, the Samaritans and those with leprosy. However, God chooses to heal the 'foreigner', this one who was a leper but also a Samaritan ***'Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?'*** - Here the recognition of God's power through Jesus extends to all, Jew and non-Jew alike. The Samaritan was not the only one who had faith, but his gratitude sets him apart from the others, and Jesus upholds him as an example. This gospel reading is so fitting for today, because Jesus was travelling between the border of Galilee and Samaria; borders can often represent division. And today, wars are fought over borders, and again division is seen!

God's grace and healing does not confine itself to one given group. Sometimes we must also cross boundaries to obtain healing; and healing brings new life, which is completely dependent on faith. Have you experienced the pain of being excluded or treated as an outsider? During this week, reflect on where the barriers are in your own life, the things that cut you off from others. Be **Active and Curious** towards breaking down one of these barriers this week.