

**Pathways Monthly Prayer Readings**  
October 2022



Wed. October 5, 2022  
Lectio Divina

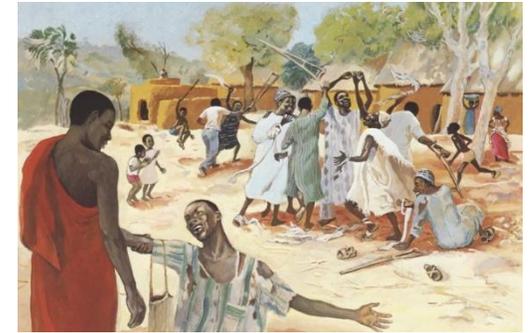
As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

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.

-Luke 17:12-16 NRSV



The Grateful Leper -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

Thurs. October 6, 2022  
Centering Prayer

The psalmist begins Psalm 66 not simply with a call to Israel but to all the earth. God is the awesome creator of all things and all peoples.

All the earth worships you;  
they sing praises to you,  
sing praises to your name.  
Come and see what God has done;  
God does awesome deeds among mortals. -Psalm 66:4-5 NRSV

Wed. October 12, 2022  
Lectio Divina

Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed."  
-Genesis 32:24-28



Jacob Wrestles with the Angel, detail  
Church of Saint-Sulpice  
Paris, France

Wed. October 12, 2022  
Lectio Divina

"... there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people ... there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.'

For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice ... '"

And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them." -Luke 18:2-5



The Unjust Judge and the Importunate Widow  
John Everett Millais, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY

Thur. October 13, 2022  
Centering Prayer

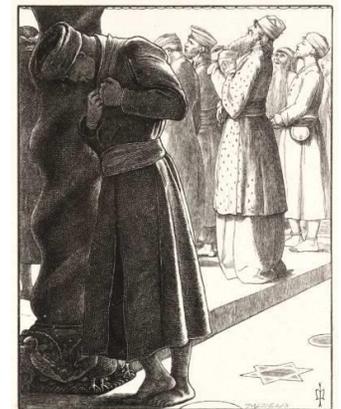
I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.  
The Lord will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.  
Behold the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.  
The sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.  
The LORD will keep you from all evil and will keep your life.  
The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth, for-evermore. -Psalm 121, ELW

Wed. October 19, 2022  
Lectio Divina

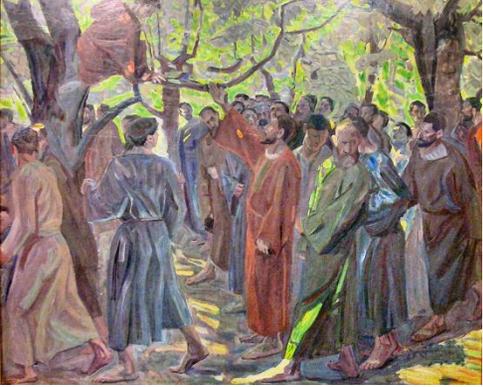
He also told this parable to some who ... were righteous and regarded others with contempt:

"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.'

But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' -Luke 18:9-13



The Pharisee and the Publican  
John Everitt Millais  
Tate Britain, London England

<p>Thur. October 20, 2022 Centering Prayer</p>	<p>How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you. Happy are the people whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on the pilgrim's way. -Psalm 84:1-5, ELW</p>
<p>Wednesday October 26, 2022 Lectio</p>	<p>When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today."</p> <p>So Zacchaeus hurried down and was happy to welcome Jesus.</p> <p>All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." -Luke 19: 5-7</p> <p>Zacchaeus -- Niels Larsen Stevns, Randers Museum of Art, Randers, Denmark</p> 
<p>Thursday October 27, 2022 Centering Prayer</p>	<p>God is our refuge and our strength a haven in times of trouble. Therefore we can be calm though the earth shakes, though the nations change, and though the sea rises. Our trust is in the Holy One who is making the heavens in the earth Who is with us in the midst of the city and in our own hearts... God whispers to us, "Be still and know that I am God. I am with you to the ends of the universe, and through all time." -Psalm 46, Christine Robinson</p>

October 4, 2022  
St. Francis of Assisi

## The Canticle of the Creatures

Be praised, my God,  
through all your creatures,  
especially through Brother Sun,  
who brings the day; and you give light through him.  
And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendor!  
Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

Be praised, my God,  
through Sister Moon and the stars;  
in the heavens you made them, precious and beautiful.

Be praised, my God, through Brothers Wind and Air,  
and cloud and storms, and all the weather, through  
which you give your creatures sustenance.

Be praised, my God, for Sister Water; she is very  
useful, and humble, and precious, and pure.

Be praised, my God, through Brother Fire,  
through whom you brighten the night. He is beautiful  
and cheerful and powerful and strong.

Be praised, my God, through our Sister Mother Earth,  
who feeds us and rules us and produces various  
fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

Be praised, my God, through those who forgive  
for love of you; through those who endure sickness  
and trial. Happy those who endure in peace, for  
by you, Most High, they will be crowned.

Be praised, my God, through our Sister, Bodily Death,  
from whose embrace no living thing can escape.  
Happy those she finds doing your most holy will.  
The second death can do no harm to them.

Praise and bless my God, and give thanks,  
and serve God with great humility.  
St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)  
Translated by Bill Barrett from the Umbrian text of the Assisi codex.

