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Home Devotional- October 18th-24th

Introduction

Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as "Son of David" he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king. Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers that be? Bartimaeus won't give up or go away quietly, but instead repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly? And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus' question, "What do you want me to do for you?"

Prayer of the Day

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord gathers the remnant of Israel

Psalm 126

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:5)

Hebrews 7:23-28

Christ the merciful high priest

Mark 10:46-52

Christ healing the blind man Bartimaeus

Questions for Reflection (*Reflect on the scripture passages above and work through the following questions*)

1. What word or phrase stands out to you?
2. What do you hear God saying to you?
3. What does God want you to do in response to what you hear God saying?

Pray the Lord's Prayer Together

Bless one another saying:

May God bless you this week and always. AMEN