

## **A Prayerful Reflection**

Take time to sit quietly and ask Jesus to be present with you in a new way this week. As we prepare to pray, let's remember to praise God for all his goodness in and through Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Hymn – CMP 633**

Thank You, Jesus, thank You, Jesus,  
thank You, Lord for loving me  
    Thank You, Jesus....  
You went to Calvary,  
    there You died for me,  
thank You, Lord for loving me.  
You went to Calvary....

### **A WORD FROM SCRIPTURE – Luke 17:11-19**

<sup>11</sup> Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

<sup>15</sup> One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

<sup>17</sup> Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?" <sup>18</sup> Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

**Verses 12-13** 'As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!'. Jesus enters a village and is met by ten lepers. Leprosy, a skin disease, led not only to physical pain, sickness, and mortality—it also meant the sufferers were social outcasts. They are in a desperate situation. So, they cry out to Jesus for mercy. **"Jesus, Master, have mercy on us."**

**Verse 14** "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed" When Jesus saw them, he gives them simple instructions. They are to go and show themselves to the priest. This was the appropriate action when someone was better, to prove that they had really been released from their disease.

Jesus heals ten lepers in this passage, but only one of them, a Samaritan, returns to express gratitude. This Samaritan recognizes the blessing he received and falls at Jesus' feet, 'Thanking' Him. It serves as a powerful reminder for us to acknowledge and express gratitude for the blessings we receive from God. Just like the Samaritan, we should not take God's blessings for granted but instead return to Him with a heart full of thanksgiving.

**Prayer** –Loving God, your word reminds us to 'give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for us in Christ Jesus'. We come this day with a heart of thanksgiving for who you are our Lord and Saviour. We thank you for your goodness and love, for new every morning is your love. **AMEN.**

## **Prayer of Intercession**

### **Let us pray.**

Almighty God, whose power is revealed in our weakness, and whose grace meets our every need, we give you thanks for your healing and your love, and pray you will guide us always to keep our hope and our trust in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. **Amen**

Lord God, we praise you and give you thanks for all you have given us. We pray and give thanks for the work of the church, for all who minister to Good News of Jesus, may their ministry be fruitful for your kingdom and glory.

Lord, you are our hope – **we put our trust in you.**

Lord God, we pray for peace in this troubled world, we pray that wars and suffering will be no more. May we live in harmony with one another out of respect and love for our human beings. We pray for the peacemakers and peacekeepers as they work tirelessly to bring peace and reconciliation.

Lord, you are our hope – **we put our trust in you.**

We pray against the evils of knife crime, for those who suffer at the hands of those perpetrating these awful crimes. We pray against 'hatred' in any form, that love may abound, that our communities may be united together with the bond of 'Love'.

Lord, you are our hope – **we put our trust in you.**

We pray and give thanks for our families, friends and neighbours, we thank you for the communities we live in, may they be places of peace and mutual love, that we may learn respect and tolerance for all peoples. We pray for those who feel rejected,... lonely and unloved.

Lord, you are our hope – **we put our trust in you.**

Finally,...take time out to pray for those on your hearts, for those close to us, for families, friends or neighbours, for those who are known to us who are going through a difficult time. For those who have lost a loved one. We ask you're blessing upon all who are ill at home or in hospital. Lord, comfort and help those in need we pray.

## **Pray the LORD'S Prayer**

### **Peace**

*The Lord is your strength and your salvation, in him alone is  
wholeness and peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

## **A prayer of blessing**

*The goodness of God the Father go with you.  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ protect you.  
The guidance of the Holy Spirit of God ever lead you.*

**AMEN**