

Friday 22 February

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' *Mark 10.46-47*

Differences are not intended to separate, to alienate. We are different precisely in order to realize our need of one another. *Desmond Tutu*

Saturday 23 February

Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. *Mark 10.48-50*

No one ever told me that grief felt so like fear. *C.S. Lewis*



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Holding on to the Silence 2019



Weekly Collects and Daily Readings from Sunday 10 to Saturday 23 February

Collect for Sunday 10 – Saturday 16 February

Christ, whose insistent call disturbs our settled lives: give us discernment to hear your word, grace to relinquish our tasks, and courage to empty-handed wherever you may lead; that the voice of your gospel may reach to the ends of the earth. **Amen.**

Collect for Sunday 17 – Saturday 23 February

God of crisis, you lay before us either blessing or curse. In our confusion, give us clarity; and in our hesitation the courage to choose boldly the way that leads to you, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Daily Readings:

Sunday 10 February

Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. *Mark 10.15-16*

Give our Lord the benefit of believing that God's hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete. *Teilhard de Chardin*

Monday 11 February

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. *Mark 10. 17-18*

If the only prayer you say in your whole life is 'thank you,' that would be sufficient. *Meister Eckhart*

Tuesday 12 February

You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' *Mark 10.19-20*

To affect the quality of the day is the highest of arts. *Henry David Thoreau*

Wednesday 13 February

Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. *Mark 10.21-22*

I have seen too many stars to let the darkness overwhelm me. *Macrina Wiederkehr*

Thursday 14 February

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' *Mark 10.23-25*

Grant us what we need each day in bread and insight. *Neil Douglas-Klotz*

Friday 15 February

They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.' *Mark 10.23-27*

Only in embracing all can we become the arms of God. *Coleman Barks*

Saturday 16 February

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.' *Mark 10.28-31*

Peace is achieved by creating a world that is in alignment with the Will of God, not the ego. *James Twyman*

Sunday 17 February

They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again.' *Mark 10.32-34*

Who knows what is beyond the known? And if you think that any day the secret of light might come, would you not keep the house of your mind ready? Would you not cleanse your study of all that is cheap, or trivial? *Mary Oliver*

Monday 18 February

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' *Mark 10.35-37*

Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in. Aim at earth and you get neither. *C. S. Lewis*

Tuesday 19 February

But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' *Mark 10.38-40*

Whenever love is offered at sufficient cost, it has explosive power to change people. *Kenneth E Bailey*

Wednesday 20 February

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.' *Mark 10.41-42*

The prayer for "our bread" includes the neighbors. It is "our Father" and "our bread." *Kenneth E. Bailey*

Thursday 21 February

But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.' *Mark 10.43-45*

Listen--are you breathing just a little, and calling it a life? *Mary Oliver*