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**IN THE GREAT CONTINENTAL MISSION WITH THE NEW EVANGELIZATION**

## **LECTIO DIVINA**

### **Sunday XXVIII in Ordinary Time Year C**

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**SEGUNDA LECTURA:** 2 Kings 5,14-17  
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** PSALM 98  
**SECOND READING:** 2 Timothy 2,8-13

#### **Invocation of the Holy Spirit:**

Come Holy Spirit,  
Come to our lives, our hearts, and our consciences.  
Move our intelligence and our will to understand what the Father wants to tell us through His Son Jesus Christ.  
May Your Word reaches all of our lives and become life in us.  
Amen

**BIBLE TEXT:** Luke 17, 11-19  
**“Jesus, Master, have pity on us”**





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17,11: On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus passed through Samaria and Galilee, and 17,12: as he entered a village, ten lepers came to meet him 17,13: Keeping their distance, they called to him, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

17,14: Jesus said to them, "Go, and show yourselves to the priests." Then, as they went on their way, they found they were cured.

17,15: One of them, as soon as he saw that he was cleansed, turned back, praising God in a loud voice; and 17,16: throwing himself on his face before Jesus, he gave him thanks. This man was a Samaritan.

17,17: Then Jesus asked him, "Were not all ten healed? Where are the other nine? 17,18: ¿Did none of them decide to return and give praise to God, but this foreigner?"

17,19: And Jesus said to him, "Stand up and go your way; your faith has saved you."

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### **1. - READING: What is the text saying?**

#### **Bible Study**

An important issue that can give us a perspective to read the readings for this Sunday is the foreigner. In the first reading, one that was not Israelite, Naaman, Syria, is cured. The prophet Elisha not accept a gift from him, but the Syrian takes sand from the Holy Land: he has become a worshiper of the God of Israel. Jesus, in his first sermon in his hometown (Luke 4: 16-30), said that "no prophet is accepted in his homeland," and then gives two examples of good deeds done to foreigners by the prophets of Israel: Elias the widow of Sidon, Elisha the leper of Syria. This does not sit well with his countrymen, who by then wanted to kill Jesus.

In the second reading, Paul is in prison, but the Word of God is not chained. Do we have the tendency to want to chain God and to His Word? Do we restrict the area in which God must reign? Are there limits to what we put at the disposal of God?

In the Gospel, Jesus heals ten lepers, all Jews except one; the only one that returns to give thanks is a Samaritan, a "foreign" despised by the Jews, who did not even speak to them (see John 4: 9). Jesus had told the lepers to show themselves to the priests as required by Leviticus 14. It is difficult to understand where the Samaritan could have been routed along with the other lepers because they did not worship God in the same place or with the same priests. But what is emphasized is that the foreigner did the right thing.

Jesus implies that belonging to the Jewish people is not salvation, because here it is very clear that He offers salvation to everyone, without exceptions. But he puts a condition to recognize Him as Messiah, Lord and Savior.





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Questions to reconstruct the text:

1. Where was Jesus going and what places were on the way?
2. Who met him?
3. What did these people tell Jesus? What title did they give Jesus?
4. What was Jesus' answer? Before who did they have present themselves to?
5. Where is it written that people from this condition should do?
6. What did the foreigner do? Where did they back?
7. What did Jesus asked?
8. What did Jesus tell the foreigner?

## **2. - MEDITATION: What does Jesus tell me or us in the text?**

Today there is a great global debate on immigration. The reading for this Sunday call us to be freer with foreign countries, more compassionate. In most of our countries we occupy the land that belonged to others, we have welcomed and attracted great minds and talents to enrich our societies, perhaps impoverishing other nations. We now know that there are very humble and poor people in our countries that work very hard jobs that others will not do, giving an example of austerity, while sending economic help to loved ones who are in greater need. What do today's readings inspire us to think?

**Let us ask some questions to deepen our understanding in the Word of Salvation:**

1. Am I aware that Jesus passes through my life, in my path?
2. Do I recognize Jesus, the Teacher? What would I want to tell him?
3. What are those things that have not been cured in my life, in my mind, in my memory, in my spirit? Could I recognize these things?
4. Am I able to approach the Lord Jesus and say, Jesus, Teacher, have mercy on me?
5. Do I raise my voice to the Lord, the Teacher so he may listen to me? Is my prayer so internal that neither I hear it...?
6. What does the gesture to present oneself to the priests mean today? Could we do a paraphrase, and also recognize the need for the sacrament of reconciliation to present myself before the Lord?
7. Am I grateful to the Lord? Or is my life an endless whys that I do not understand? Can I see all that He gives me, help me, drives me?
8. Do I recognize the gifts of the Lord? What do I do with what I have to put it at the service of others?
9. Do I understand that Jesus puts faith as necessary to heal?



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### **3. - PRAYER: What do I or we tell God?**

**Praying is to respond to the Lord who speaks to us first. We want to hear his Redeemable Word. This Word is very different to the one the world offers us and it is the moment to tell the Lord something.**

Thank you Lord for your Word of Salvation.

Thanks for all the gifts you have given me. For life, for health, for the knowledge that I have of You and because I recognize you as a Teacher.

Lord give me the grace so that I can also say: Have mercy on me!

To be humble, to recognize all that I need to live according to your plan of love.

Give me strength to raise my voice, to recognize publicly the Lord, the Teacher, the master of life. Thank you because you have come to cleanse me from my impurities, because the enemy who deceives me and ties me with confusions, no longer has power over me, because your Word of Salvation cleans, purifies and leads me to be with my brothers in the Church.

Amen

We do a moment of silence and reflection to respond to the Lord. Today we give you thanks for his resurrection and because he fills us with joy. We add in our own intentions for prayer.

### **4. - CONTEMPLATION: How do I or we internalize the Word of God?**

**For the moment of the contemplation we can repeat various times this verse from the Gospel so that it may enter our lives and our hearts.**

**“Jesus, Master, have pity on us”**

(Verse 13)

And so we ask the Lord to be witnesses of the resurrection so that others may believe.

### **5. - ACTION: What do I or we commit ourselves with God?**

**There must be a noticeable change in my life. If I don't change, then I'm not a true Christian.**





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**Personally**, going over this text, doing a thorough examination of consciousness about things that are impure in my life, and that sicken me. Put them before the Lord and thank him for the health and cleansing of heart. For this, it will be important to visit people who are sick or in need of a word of encouragement. As the Lord spent his life and time for us, do the same, giving our time to others.

**With your group**, propose an external activity to demonstrate that this text has been understood and we are changing. Seeing as it speaks of the sick, look for people who are sick or cannot leave their homes and pay them a visit, go pray with them, as a community of young people, do not leave the destitute the weakest of the community and accompany them encouraging them spiritually. Possibly, if a special ministry in your parish or movement does not exist, seek ways to create a service for visiting the sick.

