

## Thirtieth Sunday (Year B)

24<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### Preparing the prayer space

Place a green cloth on the table or floor (green – the colour for Ordinary Time)

Place a cross, bible, and candle on it. Light the candle or use a battery-operated candle for safety. Add any other symbols relevant to your family.

### Prepare materials

- YouTube as listed on sheet: Scripture story and song
- Suggested activities: your choice or other related activity on sheet
- Print out sheet if required



<https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/ls-blind-bartimaeus/>

### Gather around the prayer space as a family

**Parent/Caregiver:** In today's gospel, Jesus heals a blind man who was also a beggar, by the name of Bartimaeus.

### Opening prayer:

Lord God, you desire for us to come to you, and you welcome us with open arms. Let us remember that you are always there for us in our times of need.

### Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark (10:46-52)

**All:** Glory to you O, Lord.

Jesus and his disciples went to Jericho. And as they were leaving, they were followed by a large crowd.

A blind beggar by the name of Bartimaeus son of Timaeus was sitting beside the road. When he heard that it was Jesus from Nazareth, he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!"

Many people told the man to stop, but he shouted even louder, "Son of David, have pity on me!"

Jesus stopped and said, "Call him over!"

They called out to the blind man and said, "Don't be afraid! Come on! He is calling for you."

The man threw off this coat as he jumped up and ran to Jesus. Jesus asked, "What do you want me to do for you?"

The blind man answered, "Master, I want to see!"

Jesus told him, "You may go. Your eyes are healed because of your faith." Right away the man could see, and he went down the road with Jesus.

**The gospel of the Lord. All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Gospel text © Lectionary for Masses with Children (1993) Catholic Book Publishing Co. New York)

### Prayerfully watch the video together

Jesus Heals Bartimaeus <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0IZMP65xrpK>

### Scripture reflection and time of sharing:

I wonder why Jesus went to Jericho...

I wonder why there was a crowd following Jesus...

I wonder how Bartimaeus knew about who Jesus was...

I wonder why Bartimaeus threw off his coat...  
I wonder how Jesus was able to heal Bartimaeus...  
I wonder what ways Jesus has touched my life...

### Let us sing together our beliefs as Christians:

*I Believe* - John Burland ft. Genevieve Bryant <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvYbfojVkJGQ> (4 mins)

**Intercessions:** Let us now spend some time in prayer asking God to listen to our needs.  
(We respond to the prayers by saying the words 'Lord, hear our prayer')

1 We pray Pope Francis, Archbishop Patrick O'Regan, all Church and world leaders will see people under their care with eyes of compassion and love.  
Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

2 We pray for those who are in search of healing and peace, that they will find joy in Jesus.  
Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

3 We pray for the members of our Church that each person will be strengthened to follow Jesus' example in being with the poor, sick, hurt, and lonely.  
Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

4 We pause for a moment and pray in our hearts or aloud for any intentions or people we would like to pray for at this time (*pause*)  
Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

6 We pray for all who have died or who have lost loved ones. May the love of God comfort them in their time of need.  
Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer  
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**Closing prayer:** We lift up our hearts and the prayers of our community. We make these prayers through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Closing song:** Love the Lord <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdMlxCdIY-c>

### Follow up activity suggestions after the time of prayer has end.

- **Prayer journal**  
Write a prayer to Jesus in your prayer journal (special notebook).
- **Colouring In**  
<https://kidadl.com/free-coloring-pages/bible/blind-bartimaeus>
- **Family Connection- Loyola Press**  
*When we pray, God wants us to be so confident he will help us that we don't permit anyone to keep us from bringing our needs to God in prayer. Invite family members to identify the things they need most from God.*  
<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/30th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-b-sunday-connection/>
- **Craft**  
Create this fun craft of Bartimaeus from today's gospel <https://www.jesus-without-language.net/bartimaeus-mark-10-make/>