

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help

# Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—February 17, 2019

### First Reading — Jeremiah 17:5-8

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his arm, whose heart turns away from the LORD. <sup>6</sup> He is like a shrub in the desert and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. <sup>7</sup> "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. <sup>8</sup> He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

R. (40:5a) **Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.**

Blessed the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked, nor walks in the way of sinners, nor sits in the company of the insolent, but delights in the law of the LORD and meditates on his law day and night.

R. **Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.**

He is like a tree planted near running water, that yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves never fade.

Whatever he does, prospers.

R. **Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.**

Not so the wicked, not so; they are like chaff which the wind drives away. For the LORD watches over the way of the just, but the way of the wicked vanishes.

R. **Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.** me; your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

R. **In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**

### Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ... <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup> If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

### Alleluia Lk 6:23ab

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel Lk 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon.

And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.

Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice and leap for joy on that day!

Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.

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For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.

But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

Woe to you who are filled now,  
for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,  
for you will grieve and weep.

Woe to you when all speak well of you,  
for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way.”

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### INVITATION TO PRAY

Pause for a few moments of silence and enter more deeply into the presence of God...

### Proclaim the Scriptures out loud

As you listen to the scriptures be attentive to a word, a phrase, a question, an image, or a feeling that emerges. Reflect on this quietly or share it aloud.

### INVITATION TO REFLECT

### INVITATION TO GROUP SHARING

#### First Reading — Jeremiah 17:5-8

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.

1. **Define what it means to “trust in the Lord.”**
2. **Describe an occasion when you had to trust God.**

**Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20** <sup>“12</sup> Now if Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

3. **What influence does the resurrection have on your life?**

#### Gospel Reading — Lk 6:17, 20-26

4. **In light of your current situation which of these statements by Jesus would be most applicable to you?**
5. **Within your social environment how have you seen persecution “on account of the Son of man”?**
6. **If you could be a light to people in one of these eight categories, which would it be, and how would you like to affect them?**
7. **Are you living a “Blessed are you” or a “Woe to you” life? Explain your answer.**

### INVITATION TO ACT

*Determine a specific action (individual or group) that flows from your sharing. When choosing an individual action, determine what you will do and share it with the group. When choosing a group action, determine who will take responsibility for different aspects of the action. These should be your primary considerations.*

### CLOSING INVITATION TO PRAY

*Give thanks to God (aloud or silently) for new insights, for desires awakened, for directions clarified, for the gift of one another’s openness and sensitivity. Conclude with a final prayer.*