

# Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—OCTOBER 13, 2019

## First Reading — 2 Kings 5:14-17 14

So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.<sup>15</sup> Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him; and he said, "Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant."<sup>16</sup> But he said, "As the LORD lives, whom I serve, I will receive none." And he urged him to take it, but he refused.<sup>17</sup> Then Naaman said, "If not, I pray you, let there be given to your servant two mules' burden of earth; for henceforth your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD.

## Responsorial Psalm PS 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

R. (cf. 2b) **The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

Sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done wondrous deeds;  
his right hand has won victory for him,  
his holy arm.

R. **The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

The LORD has made his salvation known:  
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.

He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness  
toward the house of Israel.

R. **The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation by our God.

Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands:  
break into song; sing praise.

R. **The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

## Second Reading — 2 Timothy 2:8-13

<sup>8</sup>Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel,<sup>9</sup> the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

<sup>11</sup>The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we shall also live with him; <sup>12</sup>if we endure, we shall also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; <sup>13</sup>if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

## Gospel Reading — Luke 17:11-19

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup>and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." <sup>14</sup>When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup>and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup>Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup>And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help

### 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 — 2 Kings 5:14-17 14

1. How does God sometimes use illness to reveal himself to us?

#### Second Reading — 2 Timothy 2:8-13

2. How does God sometimes use sickness or misfortune in our lives to spiritually work in others' lives?

#### Gospel Reading — Luke 17:11-19

3. Have you ever had a severe medical condition? If so, with what emotional and spiritual issues did you have to deal?
4. What part do you think faith plays in physical healing? Describe the difference between being a servant of Christ and occasionally serving Christ.
5. What physical maladies do you see in our society that also carry a form of social ostracism?
6. How can we be a means of Jesus' mercy to people who are undergoing health problems?

### 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.*