

Reflection and Prayers for 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today's Gospel is an affirmation that God's love and mercy are extended to all who call on him in faith and trust, no matter who they are or where they are.

As baptised members of the Christian community we have been given special privileges of knowledge and access to God's love. But we have also serious responsibilities arising from this. One of these responsibilities is to make clear to others by the way we live, speak and act that God's love and God's mercy and God's healing are for them also.

In God's eyes there are no 'dogs'. And the food on the Master's table, the Lord's Word and his Love and not just the crumbs, is for all without exception. Commentary from Living Space

Dear Parishioners

Jesus praises the Canaanite woman for her faith and grants her wish. With persistence like hers, let us pray for all our needs.

For church communities struggling in hostile environments, that they will remain strong in faith and fired with missionary spirit. **We pray to the Lord.**

For the nations of the world, that the coronavirus pandemic will provoke a resolute commitment to a new global order of justice and peace. **We pray to the Lord**

For the grief-stricken people of Lebanon, that they will unite in support of one another and receive the urgent assistance they need from the international community. **We pray to the Lord**

For the nation of Australia, that the social and economic fractures exposed by the pandemic will be justly addressed in the process of recovery. **We pray to the Lord**

For residents and workers in aged care facilities and disability services, that they will receive all the pastoral care and material support they need. **We pray to the Lord**

For small business owners and casual workers facing financial ruin, that government assistance and community support will relieve their hardship **We pray to the Lord**

For the recently deceased, . . . , and all the faithful departed, that they will be made welcome at the table of eternal life. **We pray to the Lord**

God of boundless mercy, your love enfolds the whole of creation. Make us true apostles of your goodness. We ask this through Christ our Lord.