



Liturgy Cycle B

Thirtieth Sunday Of The Year

Lord, That I may See

Introduction

Often the blind see more than those who have sight. This is not a contradiction. There are more ways of 'seeing' than through the eyes. In today's Gospel we meet a man called Bartimaeus. He had never set eyes on Jesus — he was blind. Yet he had more faith in Jesus than many of those who saw him. The fact that we have two good eyes does not mean that we see what is important in life

First Reading (Jeremiah 31:7-9).

This reading foretells the return of God's people from exile in Babylon. Even the most helpless will share in the joy of this great event.

Second Reading (Hebrews 5:1-6).

This reading sets out the things that are required of a priest and shows how Christ met these perfectly.

Gospel (Mark 10:46-52).

Jesus hears the cry of a blind man and gives him back his sight.

Prayer Of The Faithful

Let us pray to Christ our Saviour and our Brother that he may open the eyes of our minds and hearts so that, like Bartimaeus, we may follow him whole-heartedly.

R: Lord, that we may see.

For Christians: that they may be delivered from the blindness of saying that they believe in Christ while at the same time refusing to follow him. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, that we may see.

For all those in positions of power: that they may be sensitive to the needs of those in their charge. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, that we may see.



For all those who are on the edges of life, the poor, the handicapped, the lonely: that Christians may show them respect and love. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, that we may see.

That Christ may deliver us from the many forms of spiritual blindness that plague our lives and which prevent us from following him. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, that we may see.

Communion Reflection

Lord, many people today
sit at the roadside of life begging,
not for money,
but for love,
for attention,
for companionship,
for a feeling that they are important,
that their life has a meaning.

In a sense they are blind,
for they cannot see a way out of their predicament.
Most of them are too embarrassed
to cry out for help.
They are afraid of being silenced
by the indifference of others.
They need a kind person to stop and ask:
"What can I do for you?"
Lord. That I may see —
see my needy brothers and sisters,
that I may hear their silent cries,
that I may not pass by.
For I too was a beggar,
but you enriched me.
I too was blind,
and you enlightened me.