



Liturgy Cycle C

# Twenty-Eighth Sunday Of The Year The Ten Lepers

## **Introduction**

Ten desperate people came to Christ and were cured by him- Yet only one of them came back to thank him- Christ has touched us in many ways and we too are frequently ungrateful. We still need Christ. We may not be as desperate as the lepers were but we are all tainted with the leprosy of sin. Let us not be afraid to admit this.

## **First Reading (2 Kings 5:14-17)**

Naaman, general of the Syrian army, is cured of leprosy. As a result he comes to believe in the true God, and is lavish in his gratitude towards the prophet Elisha.

## **Second Reading (2 Tim 2:8-13)**

Paul reminds Timothy that the work of preaching the Gospel will not be easy; it will result in hardship, opposition and persecution.

## **Gospel Reading (Luke 17:11-19)**

The story of ten men who were cured of leprosy by Christ, only one of whom returned to thank him.

## **Prayer Of The Faithful**

Let us pray to God for the gift of being grateful for all his benefits to us.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.

That as followers of Christ we may be grateful for the gift of faith by which we know him and his purpose for us. Lord, hear us.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.

For all the human family: that people may see their lives as a gift from God, and show their gratitude by living a good life. Lord, hear us.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.

For all the sick and those who are handicapped in any way: that they may experience the healing touch of Christ. Lord, hear us.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.



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**That we may be able to see the hand of God in our crosses, pain and failures, because they help us to grow and to discover who we are. Lord, hear us.**

**R: Lord, graciously hear us.**

#### **Communion Reflection**

**Thank you, Lord, that I can see;  
so many are blind.**

**Thank you, Lord, that I can hear;  
so many are deaf.**

**Thank you, Lord, that I can walk;  
so many are crippled.**

**Thank you, Lord, that I have food;  
so many are hungry.**

**Thank you, Lord, that I have shelter;  
so many are homeless.**

**Thank you, Lord, for the touch of a friendly hand;  
so many are lonely.**

**Thank you, Lord, for sharing your cross with me;  
it helps me to grow and discover who I am.**

**Thank you, Lord, for all your blessings;  
so many deserve them better than I do.**

**Help me always to be grateful.**

**Amen.**