

June 6

Mark 5:21-43

This passage contains two healing stories.

Question to Consider:

Both the woman who reached out and touched Jesus' clothes and the synagogue ruler saw in Jesus someone who could bring hope and healing. Do you see Jesus that way? Have you *experienced* him that way?

Prayer:

Loving God, I know that hope and healing are still available from you. I pray that I am as open to the good things that you offer as the woman and the synagogue ruler were. I pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

June 7

Mark 10:46-52

These verses tell the story of Jesus healing a blind man named Bartimaeus.

Question to Consider:

Jesus said to Bartimaeus, "what do you want me to do for you?" How would you answer if Jesus asked you that question?

Prayer:

Gracious God, as I consider how I might answer if you were to ask what I want, I pray that my answer will always be consistent with your will. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

June 8

Matthew 9:35-38

In this passage, Jesus speaks about the number of people who need to hear the good news of the gospel.

Question to Consider:

The world, including where you live, is filled with people who are ripe for "harvest," who need to hear the good news of the gospel of Jesus. Are you willing to be one of the workers who goes out into that field?

Prayer:

Merciful God, the time will come when you put someone in my path who needs to be touched by the good news of Jesus. Through my words and through my actions, I pray that I faithfully proclaim the gospel each day. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

June 9

Matthew 10:1-16

In this passage, Jesus sends his disciples out to work in his name.

Question to Consider:

Jesus told the disciples to not take money, extra clothes, or even extra sandals. Why do you suppose he gave them that instruction? What if he were to give similar instructions to you?

Prayer:

All-knowing God, I pray that when you call me to serve that you will also help me to trust – to trust in the worthiness of the mission you call me to, and to trust that you will watch over me. I pray in the name of my Savior Jesus, Amen.

June 10

Matthew 10:17-25

In this passage, Jesus warns his disciples that they will face persecution because of him.

Question to Consider:

How do you react to the basic idea that faithful followers of Jesus may face persecution because of their beliefs? Can you think of any examples of persecution of Christians today?

Prayer:

Almighty God, in parts of the world it is not safe to acknowledge being a Christian. I pray for people in those nations. Please watch over them. Please give them strength and courage and even in the midst of persecution, please fill them with your hope. And Father, if I can help them in any way, please guide me to know what it is that I can do. I pray in Jesus' name, Amen.