



**“Then he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”**

**(Lk 7:48)**

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## First Reading: 1Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake.

And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it.

For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead— Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

## The Gospel: Luke 7:36-50

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table.

And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment.

She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment.

Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him — that she is a sinner."

Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you."

"Teacher," he replied, "Speak." "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?"

Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt."

And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly."

Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.

Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little."

Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

## Mother Teresa (1910-1997) - September 5

Mother Teresa was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in Uskup, Ottoman Empire (now Skopje, North Macedonia), on August 26, 1910. Her family was of Albanian descent.

At the age of twelve, she strongly felt the call of God to be a missionary and spread the love of Christ. At the age of eighteen, she left her parental home in Skopje and joined the Sisters of Loreto, an Irish community of nuns with missions in India.

After her initiation period in Dublin she was sent to India, where on May 24, 1931, she took her initial vows as a nun and taught at St. Mary's High School in Calcutta.

On Sept. 10, 1946, after 17 years as a teacher in Calcutta, Mother Mary Teresa, 36, took a 400-mile train trip for her annual spiritual retreat in the Himalayan foothills. On the ride out, Christ spoke to her, calling her to abandon teaching and work instead in "the slums" of the city, dealing directly with "the poorest of the poor"—the sick, the dying, beggars and street children. "Come, Come, carry Me into the holes of the poor," he told her. "Come be My light." She followed that voice, and in 1948 she received permission to leave the convent school and devote herself on a single-handed crusade to work among the poorest of the poor in the slums of Calcutta. "A life not lived for others is not a life," she said.

Although she had no funds, she depended on Divine Providence, and started an open-air school for slum children. Soon she was joined by voluntary helpers, and donations started coming.

On October 7, 1950, Mother Teresa received permission from the Holy See to start her own order, "The Missionaries of Charity," whose primary task was to love and care for those persons nobody was prepared to look after.

The Society of Missionaries has spread all over the world. They provide effective help to the poorest of the poor in a number of countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, and they undertake relief work in the wake of natural catastrophes such as floods, epidemics, and famine, and for refugees. The order also has houses in North America, Europe and Australia, where they take care of the shut-ins, alcoholics, homeless, and AIDS sufferers.

Mother Teresa's work has been internationally recognized and acclaimed. She has received a number of awards and distinctions, including the Pope John XXIII Peace Prize (1971) and the Nobel peace prize (1979). Her greatest award, however, was to be declared a saint by Pope Francis in 2016.

***"God doesn't require us to succeed, he only requires that you try."***

Always smiling, St Teresa internally experienced what we call "spiritual aridity." She did not feel the presence of God and had many doubts. This spiritual struggle transpired in her correspondences with her confessors and superiors throughout the years. Despite this spiritual desert she lived in, she persevered in her faith and charity, and this is why she became a saint.

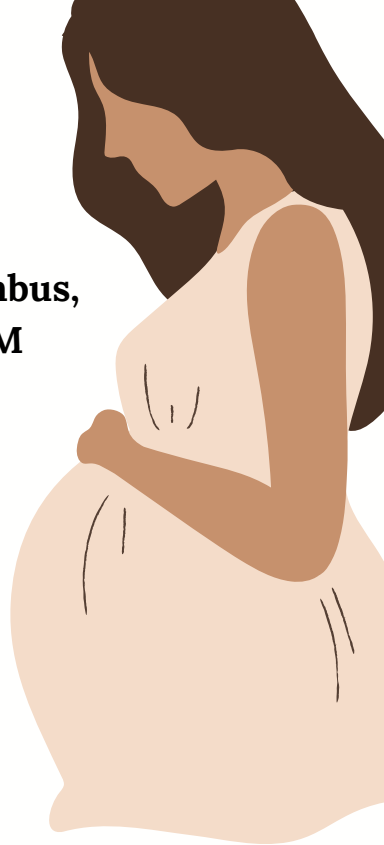


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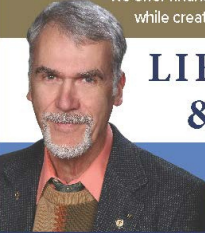
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