

OTHER WORDS TO RECALL THIS WEEK

During this fourth week of Lent as you journey with Jesus, you could take time to recall other words from the Psalm of this week and use these to keep a close connection with Jesus as you work and pray.

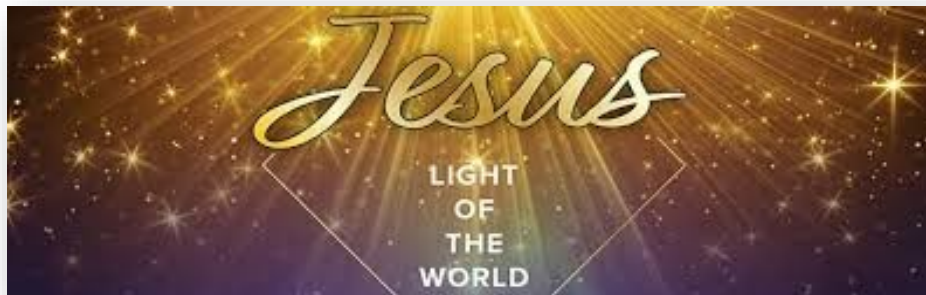
There is nothing I shall want.

He leads me.

He guides me along the right path.

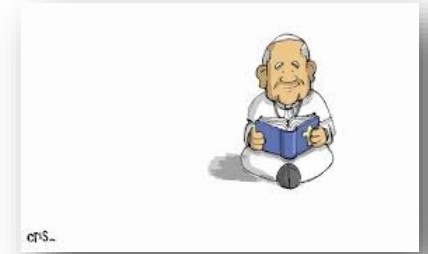
You give me comfort.

Goodness and kindness shall follow me.



LIVING WORD

WEEK 4: New Sight



READ OUT LOUD

FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. Jesus spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then the blind man went and washed and came back able to see.

The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.'

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.'

Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?'

He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.'

Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.'

He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him.

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST



REFLECT

- What words or phrases strike you in this passage?
- When have you ever had an eye opening moment and saw things in a new way?
- What might still be blinding you from really seeing how life giving friendship with Jesus can be?

RESPOND

As we continue our journey with Jesus for Lent, we pray that like the blind man in the Gospel we will be given new sight to see more clearly with the eyes of faith as we say:

Lord open our eyes

Open our eyes to really see the needs of the poor, the needy and those crushed by oppression **Lord open our eyes**

Open our eyes to see where your presence and action is working in our lives **Lord open our eyes**

Open our eyes to reach out those who need our forgiveness and compassion **Lord open our eyes**

Open our eyes to the wonders of creation and help us to make choices to live more simply **Lord open our eyes**



REST

Now take time to rest with a phrase, repeating it in your heart or out loud. Choose one you are most drawn to:

- What do you say about him?
- You have seen him
- Lord, I believe

