

FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 13th.SUNDAY YEAR B-2024:

THE POWER OVER DEATH AND SICKNESS:

Healthy challenges are great challenge in our present day society, despite the modern advancement in practically all the fields. Our bodies have become so much expensive and modern just like the technology. Healthy workers, Drs, nurses, care givers, health care facilities, are doing what is within their effort to keep their clients in good health. Despite what the so called the first world effort in medication, professionals, good facilities, hospitals, **911,99 the challenge still persist.** In the third world, not a surprise to walk for miles to a clinic or healthy center and find no medicine, no nurse, midwife hence giving birth on the streets is not a surprise. Don't take for granted what you have.

The situation in our readings today, take us back to such situation of desperation and almost giving up. Gods created humanity for an everlasting happiness, he didn't creat sickness neither death (Wisdom.1:13-15,2:23-24) until the envy of the devil came in and destroyed the harmony thus bringing broken pieces in our lives. The destruction and abuse of **sexuality, marriage, vocation, ambition selfishness, corruption, alcohol, drugs bad governance have and are rendering untold suffering among the citizen turning peaceful countries into war zone, like what is happening in Kenya as I write this reflection.** All towns and cities are turning into battle field with demonstration shootings. The youth commonly known as **GEN-Z (possibly meaning last generation (I stand to be corrected) due bad financial bill with very high taxes for practically everything and no jobs, are up in their hands, enough being enough, storming and setting fire on the law making institution (Parliament building of Kenya) driving the prestigious untouchable lawmakers to their heels.** They are fed up and if this is the only language the government can **understand to react and act, the young people are justified constitutionally which might have been long overdue.** The government ought to have addressed these issues long time ago **and even the church institution should have brought negotiation and peaceful reconciliation in this great conflict in time.** Is this not driven by

fragmentations of **selfishness** and **ambitions** thus interfering with the original purpose of creation bringing **sickness and death which was not in the mind of the creator?** The broken pieces in the homes, in the society and in the world can be seen everywhere thus causing a lot of human suffering and untold consequences.

Jesus in today's gospel (Mk.5: 21-41) came to **put the broken pieces together into a new creation.** He **restores a young girl** back to her family and community through **raising her up**, he too **healed and restores the hailing woman who had spend all her retirement benefits on her sickness.** Both these miracles involved **trust and faith.** Obviously, we all have broken pieces in our lives which sometimes cannot be put together, since we are in a broken society and world, we must figure a way out peacefully to repair and have proper conflict resolution and get that **healing, we don't have to settle for the broken pieces and lives.** **Jesus can help us to put them together in our lives and in our world.** we simply **must reach out to him, go to him, and come to him.** This is precisely what the leader of the synagogue did and the suffering woman. Despite fear we can reach to him.

Jesus will see us through the **rough times, storms, dark passages, sickness and even in great loss.** He will give you the form of **healing he thinks the best suited for you, in feelings of rejection, desperation, failure, bitterness** and in all situations, he will reach you if you go to him. He touched with his hand, words, and love. Jesus commended both lady for her courage and synagogue official for believing. We are too called to be healers of others through **care, concern and presence.** This is call of Christian all the time.

A kind heart heals a wounded spirit. A kind deed heals a wounded heart. Our presence, will, give others assurance of not being abandoned.