

FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 30th SUNDAY YEAR -B-2024:

LORD THAT I MAY SEE:

Jesus cures the blind in fulfillment of Jeremiah's prophecy, that in the days of the messiah, the **blind would once more see**. This was the sign of hope for the people of Israel after the exile (Jer 31:7-9) this is a message of hope for the desperate people who were in exile, too it is our message for us in desperate need that we shouldn't give up, our God is always with us despite the challenges we might be facing in our life.

Our gospel today (Mk 10:46-52) is calling us to reflect and think of so many things we take for granted like **hearing, feelings, tasting and sight**. Not until we lose, miss one of them or see someone who lacks these that we realize how vital these senses are and how lucky we are to have them. Physical sight is very important indeed, the blind person cannot see the environment, beautiful sceneries, people, he cannot admire so many things because he has not seen them. Don't we take for granted all these!

We can just imagine how excited and thrilling this gentleman Bartimaeus was after the cure. **a whole new world was opened to him**. when he heard Jesus was passing by, nothing by, **could stand his way to meet him, the crowd, his cloak, discouragement** from people to keep quiet. all these

increased his yearning as he shouted the more. He drew the attention of Jesus and Jesus called him **what would you like me do for you?** What a question for this blind man, his answer was very straight ***that I may see! Do we know exactly what we need from Jesus as we engage ourselves in prayer or during mass?*** We have too many obstacles preventing us from reaching Christ in our world today, like **,people,material properties,political affiliations,religion and so many other challenging things in our society.How do we handle them?** Are we ready to leave them behind like this blind man and run to Jesus. Christ today is asking us the same **what do you want me do for you?** The story of the blind man is both **calling as well as healing.** After the healing he followed Jesus on the road to discipleship and salvation, he never turned back. He had lacked direction, he was spiritually blind but all was opened for him. what Jesus did for him he can do it for you and me We have so many blindness in our world today which needs to be cured. some physical blindness can be cured with our modern technologies, medication, glasses. We too have worse blindness which modern technology cannot cure which is worse than physical this is **moral blindness.** this is directed by **conscience,the knowledge of right and wrong.** you can imagine a society without conscience, how tragic it can be, people **killing one another,slayin,taking others**

properties,unfaithfulness in vocations.Persons without conscience can damage a lot.This blindness needs to be addressed immediately **lord that we may see! Physical blindness can endanger our bodies but moral blindness endangers our souls.**There is still blindness of unbelieve which needs to be cured in our modern society.This is blindness in our relationship with Gods.once we loose sight on this we have no direction.As sight is to blindness so is faith to unbelieve.our prayer should be that we may see everything in through the eyes of faith.

Seeing with mind we have **insight,seeing with imagination we have vision and seeing with the heart we have understanding and compassion.**Our journey from blindness should lead us to belief.

The greatest calamity that happen to people is not that they are born blind but that they have eyes,yet they fail to see!.