



CONFERENZA EPISCOPALE ITALIANA

# BECAUSE YOU TAKE CARE OF US

Thursday, December 3rd, 2020

**Moment of universal Prayer  
for the International Day  
for People with Disabilities**



SERVIZIO NAZIONALE  
PER LA PASTORALE  
DELLE PERSONE  
CON DISABILITÀ

## ■ OPENING SONG

Faith and Light

## ■ INTRODUCTION AND LIGHTING OF THE LAMP

Guide

In the name of the Father, the Son  
and the Holy Spirit

All

Amen

Guide

May the Lord, who guides our hearts  
in the love and patience of Christ  
be with you all

All

And with your spirit

## ■ LET US PRAY WITH THE PSALM

### Psalm 31

In you, Lord, I have taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.  
Turn your ear to me,  
come quickly to my rescue;  
be my rock of refuge,  
a strong fortress to save me.

Since you are my rock and my fortress,  
for the sake of your name lead and guide me.  
Into your hands I commit my spirit;  
deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.

I will be glad and rejoice in your love,  
for you saw my affliction  
and knew the anguish of my soul.  
But I trust in you, Lord;  
I say, "You are my God."  
My times are in your hands;

How abundant are the good things  
that you have stored up for those who fear you,  
that you bestow in the sight of all,  
on those who take refuge in you.

Praise be to the Lord,  
for he showed me the wonders of his love.  
In my alarm I said,  
“I am cut off from your sight!”  
Yet you heard my cry for mercy  
when I called to you for help.

Love the Lord, all his faithful people!  
The Lord preserves those who are true to him.  
Be strong and take heart,  
all you who hope in the Lord.

## ■ LET US LISTEN TO THE GOSPEL

From the Gospel according to Luke (10, 29-37)  
But the man was anxious to justify himself and  
said to Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’

In answer Jesus said, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of bandits; they stripped him, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead.

Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came on him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him onto his own mount and took him to an inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper and said, "Look after him, and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the bandits' hands?' He replied, 'The one who showed pity towards him.' Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

## ■ BRIEF REFLECTION

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## ■ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**Sung response:**

We pray to You. Lord, hear us!

For all people with disabilities

We pray to You. Lord, hear us!

For the families of those with disabilities

We pray to You. Lord, hear us!

For those who provide care

We pray to You. Lord, hear us!

For pastoral workers

We pray to You. Lord, hear us!

For the clergy and religious

We pray to You. Lord, hear us!

For the missionaries who welcome and care for  
those with disabilities

We pray to You. Lord, hear us!

For all those with disabilities who are affected by  
the coronavirus

We pray to You. Lord, hear us!

We pray for the intentions of the Holy Father and  
for the Church throughout the world

We pray to You. Lord, hear us!

For the government leaders

We pray to You. Lord, hear us!

For all doctors, healthcare professionals and  
scientific researchers

We pray to You. Lord, hear us!

Our Father...

Hail Mary...

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the  
Holy Spirit ...

## ■ CLOSING PRAYER

### Guide

Help us, almighty Father  
to persevere in doing good  
while waiting for Christ your Son.

When he comes knocking on the door,  
may He find us vigilant in prayer,  
active in fraternal charity  
and exulting in praise.

He is God, and He lives and reigns with You,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
forever and ever

All

Amen

## ■ BLESSING



## PICTURE

*The Parable of the Good Samaritan  
10th Illustration, Codex Purpureus Rossanensis  
(6th Century)*

*Diocesan Museum and Codex  
Corigliano-Rossano (CS)*

The scene is taken from Luke's Gospel, but with some variants. In the foreground there is Christ helping a wounded man. Christ is assisted by an angel who is giving him a golden cup with oil and wine to dress the wounds. The scene carries a deep symbolic meaning. The Samaritan symbolizes Christ himself who saves fallen Mankind wounded by sin and who leads to the Church, always ready to provide welcome.