

## This Week's Readings

### First Reading: 2 Kings 5: 14-17.

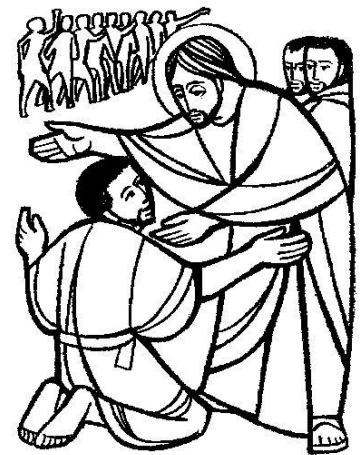
Naaman, a Syrian and a foreigner, is cured of leprosy and gratefully honours the God of Israel. He reminds us of the Samaritan leper in the Gospel.

### Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2: 8-13.

The Apostle Paul says that the salvation brought about by the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus is the culmination of all God's gifts. Gratitude prompts us to be loyal to Jesus to the end.

### Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19.

A Samaritan, as soon as he is cured of leprosy by Jesus, comes back to thank God through Jesus.



## Points for Reflection

Friend, perhaps today's **Gospel** has a message for you.

1. Ten lepers ask Jesus for healing. Sent out to live outside their village, they have to keep their distance even from Jesus. Raising their voices, they plead: "*Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!*" Their words reveal their faith in his power. And their faith is rewarded with healing. Ten are healed, but only one comes back to express his gratitude. "*Ten were cleansed, were they not?*" Jesus asks. "*Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?*"
2. There are two kinds of people in today's **Gospel**. Those who are grateful, and those who are ungrateful, or perhaps merely forgetful. The other nine must have been so excited that they forgot to thank the Lord. They probably rejoined their respective families right away. The Samaritan must have been just as eager to see his family again. But that did not prevent him from

remembering how good Jesus was to him. He wastes no time and goes back to Jesus and speaks his praises. At this, Jesus assures him not only of healing but of salvation as well.

3. Friend, it is Sunday once more. It is time to remember the ONE who gives life and makes everything possible. You missed out the essential things in life last week--the warmth of the sun, the taste of the food, the love of your family, and the friendship of your coworkers. You know why? It was because you did not bother to thank the GIVER of life. Thank him today. As you go through another week of your life, thank him again and again in your own simple way. Rest assured that as you give thanks, you will realize that life is full of meaning. That is life with the Lord!

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