

GOSPEL: (Mk 10:46-52)

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me."

And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me."

Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you."

He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus.

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?"

The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see."

Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."

Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

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I am very pleased that you had not been talking with Me, but were making My goodness known to souls and rousing them to love Me.

Eternal love, pure flame, burn in my heart continuously and divinise my whole being, according to Your eternal pleasure, by which You have called me into being and summoned me to participate in Your eternal bliss. O merciful Lord, it is only out of mercy that You have lavished these gifts upon me. **Seeing all these free gifts within me, with deep humility I worship Your incomprehensible goodness.** Lord, my heart is filled with amazement that You, absolute Lord, in need of no-one, would nevertheless stoop so low out of pure love for us. I can never help being amazed that the Lord would have such an intimate relationship with His creatures. That again is His unfathomable goodness. Every time I begin this meditation, I never finish it, because my spirit becomes entirely drowned in Him. What a delight it is to love with all the force of one's soul and to be loved even more in return, to feel and experience this with the full consciousness of one's being. There are no words to express this.

- ➔ "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." Jesus is constantly calling and waiting for the answer of my heart. He wants me to tell Him about my life and accept grace after grace!
- ➔ Am I aware of the greatness of God's gift to me?
- ➔ I thank Jesus for His generosity and together with St. Faustina I will glorify His incomprehensible goodness.