PRAYERS FOR ORDINARY TIME

Scripture Focus: Luke 10:25-37

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us begin our prayer with the Sign of the Cross.

All: In the name of the Father . . .

Leader: In this Gospel, Jesus tells us the story of the Good Samaritan. The Samaritan was good because he helped someone in need.

Reader: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Reader then reads the Scripture passage above from The Catholic Children's Bible.

Leader: Let us pray that we can all be Good Samaritans! Our response is, "Help us to be Good Samaritans, O Lord."

All: Help us to be Good Samaritans, O Lord.

Leader: When we are tempted to use mean words against others . . .

All: Help us to be Good Samaritans, O Lord.

Leader: When we are tempted to leave others out . . .

All: Help us to be Good Samaritans, O Lord.

Leader: When we are tempted to bully others just because we can . . .

All: Help us to be Good Samaritans, O Lord.

Leader: When we are inspired to help someone who needs our help . . .

All: Help us to be Good Samaritans, O Lord.

Leader: When we are inspired to give something away to someone who needs it more than we do . . .

All: Help us to be Good Samaritans, O Lord.

Leader: When we are inspired to pray for all those who are hurting or in need . . .

All: Help us to be Good Samaritans, O Lord.

Closing Prayer

Leader: Today we learned that loving God, ourselves, and others is the meaning of the Gospel. Let us pray to live the Gospel each and every day:

Lord Jesus, thank you for telling us the story of the Good Samaritan. Help us to be Good Samaritans in our families, in our schools, and with our friends and neighbors. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for showing us the way. Amen.

