

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

June 30, 2024: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 | Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13 | 2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15 | Mk 5:21-43

Pray: Heavenly Father, thank you for your steadfast love. Help us always trust in you.

Trust in God's continuing miracles, even when you are not aware.

Word was getting around that Jesus was miraculously healing people of many ailments, including blindness and leprosy; the disabled could walk again, those possessed by demons were being delivered, a hemorrhaging woman was made well again, and He was even raising people from the dead. More and more people with ailments and trust in Jesus followed Him to ask for healing favors. Jesus always showed much love and compassion when He stepped in to heal someone, but He usually told them not to tell anyone afterward. Scripture scholars think this may be because of His humble desire not to become an earthly king and to keep people from thinking He only gave physical healing.

As we delve into the Gospels, we often focus on Jesus' miracle healings. But what about those who hoped for healing and didn't receive it? This doesn't mean their faith was lacking or their requests deemed unworthy. It's a reminder that our faith is not about getting what we want but about trusting in God's plan, even when our prayers go unanswered.

God sent Jesus into the world because He loves us. Jesus is love because He is also God. He

would never push us away because He only wants the best for us and our world. We must be patient and remember that God is omniscient. He sees and knows things we can't comprehend in our human state. He hears our prayers and pleases and answers our prayers in the best way possible, many of which are invisible miracles that take care of everything. We must trust Him. Jesus came to conquer death, which is the devil's work, and Jesus always wins. He repeatedly tells us in Scripture not to be afraid because He is with us. Jesus is a lifesaver for all who believe in Him, and He does not wish death on anyone. Our Savior brings everlasting and eternal life to all who love and trust Him. The bottom line is that we must remember and follow the First Commandment: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." Because we know He loves us, we must trust Him and never be afraid. He is always with us, and He has everything in control because He loves us.



Reflect & Discuss:

- † How have you come to know that God loves you? How do you know that God hears your prayers? What helps you to be patient when the Lord seems slow to answer your prayers?
- † How have you shared your faith in God with those facing serious illness?
- † How has your faith in God helped you in times of grief over the loss of loved ones?
- † How is God continuing to perform miracles today? If you are aware of a miracle in your life, please share.