



Reflection and Meditation

Read and reflect upon the Gospel Passage of the Good Samaritan

"Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'"(Lk 10:25-37).

Questions for Reflection and Prayer:

- 1) **Is your life as a Franciscan marked by the flavor of the Gospel? Is so, how do you do accomplish this daily? If not, what should you be doing so that your Franciscan call has such a 'flavor of the Gospel'.**
- 2) **As you look at the landscape of your life, our Church and our world, how did we allow ourselves to get to this point?**
- 3) **As you read and reflect upon the parable of the Good Samaritan when have you been like the robber, the victim, the passer-by or the Samaritan?**
- 4) **How can you foster what is good and place yourself at the service of good?**
- 5) **What do you need to do to give a rebirth to your fraternal life and how can your notion of social friendship aid us as Franciscans to create a culture of encounter to diminish the climate of indifference that now threatens our world?**



