

Today's gospel is the story of one man's life-changing cry for help. Bartimaeus was blind, sat at the side of the road, and begged for his livelihood. When he heard that Jesus was passing by, he cried out to Jesus to have pity on him.

He knew what he wanted. He wanted to see.

I imagine he wanted to see his surroundings, especially at this time of the year with all its beautiful colors, or where he lived, and most especially what his family and friends looked like. All the things we take for granted.

Bartimaeus received that and more. He received the gift of seeing life differently.

We are not all that different from Bartimaeus. In many ways we all need something, don't we? And it takes courage to ask for it.

If there was one thing that you would ask Jesus for today, what would it be?
-peace in the midst of turmoil, a way to forgive in the face of betrayal, a way to surrender your life draining anxieties and worries to God?

What are you ready to see differently?

When Bartimaeus was healed, Jesus told him to go his way. With new eyes, Bartimaeus' way was to follow Jesus.

Today let us pray for this gift to see life differently and the courage to follow Jesus more deeply as our way.

