



# Lenten

# Reflections

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## *Scripture*

### **Luke 11:14-23**

Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute,  
and when the demon had gone out,  
the mute man spoke and the crowds were amazed.  
Some of them said, "By the power of Beelzebul, the prince of demons,  
he drives out demons."  
Others, to test him, asked him for a sign from heaven.  
But he knew their thoughts and said to them,  
"Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste  
and house will fall against house.  
And if Satan is divided against himself,  
how will his kingdom stand?  
For you say that it is by Beelzebul that I drive out demons.  
If I, then, drive out demons by Beelzebul,  
by whom do your own people drive them out?  
Therefore they will be your judges.  
But if it is by the finger of God that I drive out demons,  
then the Kingdom of God has come upon you.  
When a strong man fully armed guards his palace,  
his possessions are safe.

But when one stronger than he attacks and overcomes him,  
he takes away the armor on which he relied  
and distributes the spoils.  
Whoever is not with me is against me,  
and whoever does not gather with me scatters."

## *Our Scripture Reflection*

"If it is by the finger of God that I drive out demons, then the Kingdom of God is upon you."

Yes, Our Lord demonstrates that the power and presence of God Almighty is present here on earth, beginning with His ministry and continuing on today through His followers. What does this mean for us? Never miss an opportunity to imitate Jesus. Each act of love, compassion, and goodness towards those in need reveals His Presence here today.

## *Food for your Journey*

Mother Teresa once asked some visitors to hold up one hand. "The gospel is written on your fingers," she insisted. Holding up one finger at a time, she accented each word: "You-Did-It-To-Me."

Mother Teresa then added: "At the end of your life, your five fingers will either excuse you or accuse you of doing it unto the least of these. You-Did-It-To-Me."

## *Prayer from the Heart*

Dear Jesus, there is so much pain in our world. At times it seems that Satan is so active and strong. You, Lord, however, defeated the power of Satan on Calvary. Help me each day, through each act of love for others that I carry out, to reveal Your power in the world. Amen.

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