



# Daily Reflections

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## Scripture

### **Luke 10: 21-24**

Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said,  
"I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
for although you have hidden these things  
from the wise and the learned  
you have revealed them to the childlike.  
Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.  
All things have been handed over to me by my Father.  
No one knows who the Son is except the Father,  
and who the Father is except the Son  
and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."  
Turning to the disciples in private he said,  
"Blessed are the eyes that see what you see.  
For I say to you,  
many prophets and kings desired to see what you see,  
but did not see it,  
and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it."

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## Our Scripture Reflection

In today's Gospel text, Jesus prays in thanksgiving to His Father for having allowed the childlike, that is, those who are humble and open, to receive the revelation of His Messiah. What an important message this is for us during the season of Advent. If you want true faith, you must first become humble.

# **Food for your Journey**

Joyce McCullough is a Roman Catholic laywoman who serves as chaplain at Mount Vernon Hospital in Alexandria, Virginia. She had a career as a registered nurse before beginning theological studies. She also raised a large family, was widowed and remarried, and recovered from ovarian cancer. She brings broad life experience and deep compassion to her chaplaincy work.

“Prayer has been an important part of my own journey, through crises and celebrations,” she told *Presbyterians Today* (September 1995). In being with patients, she hopes they get a sense of God’s love and compassion. Then she prays for healing in whatever they might need. “Prayer is always answered,” she believes. “Maybe not as a physical cure, but the effects of prayer can be seen in peace, comfort, insight, even in crying. Crying can help people to know their own vulnerability.”

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, Meek and humble of heart, please make my heart as Your heart.  
Amen.