



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Mark 7:24-30

Jesus went to the district of Tyre.

He entered a house and wanted no one to know about it, but he could not escape notice.

Soon a woman whose daughter had an unclean spirit heard about him. She came and fell at his feet.

The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by birth, and she begged him to drive the demon out of her daughter.

He said to her, "Let the children be fed first.

For it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."

She replied and said to him,

"Lord, even the dogs under the table eat the children's scraps."

Then he said to her, "For saying this, you may go.

The demon has gone out of your daughter."

When the woman went home, she found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

Our Scripture Reflection

Today' Gospel text reveals an incredible story about a desperate Mother, who just happens to be a gentile, pagan (Syrophenician). Even though Jesus appears to be unconcerned about her request, the woman will not give up. She begs Him for whatever Grace He might give her. To the amazement of the disciples, Jesus answers the Mother's plea. Are you persistent when you pray to Him?

Food for your Journey

Many of us need to be more like the little girl whom the farmer found lost in his meadow. The farmer said to her, "Do not cry; I'll take you home."

The little child snuggled up to him, and with a smile, said, "I knew you would; I was waiting for you."

"Waiting for me?" said the man. "What made you think I was coming?"

"I was praying you would," she said.

"Praying? When I first heard you, you were saying A-B-C-D-E-F-G. What was that for?"

She looked up again and said, "I'm just a little girl. I was praying all the letters of the alphabet and letting God put them together the way he wanted to. He knows I was lost, and he knows how to put them together better than I do."

A Prayer from the Heart

Precious Lord, You are always attentive to my prayers. May I, like the woman in the Gospel, never give up on You. Amen.