***What do you want me to do for you?***

**THRUSDAY MAY 27 (Mk 10,46-52)**

Who is our God? He is the one who listens to the prayer of the humble, the poor, the miserable; He listen to those who turn to him with trusting prayer. A prayer full of faith is that of the woman who approaches and touches the cloak of Jesus: *“There was a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years. She had suffered greatly at the hands of many doctors and had spent all that she had. Yet she was not helped but only grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak. She said, "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured." Immediately her flow of blood dried up. She felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction.   Jesus, aware at once that power had gone out from him, turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who has touched my clothes?" But his disciples said to him, "You see how the crowd is pressing upon you, and yet you ask, 'Who touched me?' "And he looked around to see who had done it. The woman, realizing what had happened to her, approached in fear and trembling. She fell down before Jesus and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction. " (Mk 5,25-34).*Those who pray must believe that nothing is impossible for the Lord. But they must also believe that the omnipotence of their God to whom they ask, is always governed by His divine and eternal wisdom. We always pray from our heart. God always hears from his heart, from his wisdom, from the intelligence and knowledge of his Holy Spirit, for our greatest good. Today a blind man is presented to Jesus. Begged for mercy from the Son of David. Jesus knows what he is asking, but He wants him to show what grace he expects: *"Rabbi, may I see again!"*. The answer is immediate: *“Go, your faith has saved you”.*The miracle is not the fruit of prayer alone, but of prayer done with faith. What is the faith of this blind man? This man truly believes that Jesus is the Son of David. If he is really the Christ of God, it is his mission to give sight to the blind. He is blind and has the right to regain his sight. Thus, the miracle obtained attests that truly, Jesus is the Messiah.

*They came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, he is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.*

The prayer of this blind man is made on faith: Jesus is the Son of David. The miracle worked by Jesus confirms that He really, is the Son of David. If he is the Son of David, not only is he the king of Israel, but he is also the king of the one who was once blind and now sees. If Jesus is his king, he must be followed. The blind man, having regained his sight, follows his king and follows him along the road. From this blind man we must learn a great truth. Prayer is generated by faith. Answered prayer generates a new life. Not only is faith confirmed, but faith must also be given all obedience. All the consequences that arise from the faith that is confirmed by the answered prayer must be implemented. Before the fulfillment and after having been granted, one cannot lead the same life. The fulfillment confirmed the truth of our faith. Confirmed faith must be given obedience in all its consequences. Before, the blind man did not follow Jesus, even though he had faith in Jesus. Now he has faith in Jesus and he also follows him, walks with him along the road. If the answered prayer does not produce substantial changes in our life, it is a sign that we have stopped only at the miracle. From the prodigy done by the Lord we have not drawn any consequence for our future which is lived in the manner of the past. Instead, the past must always end to start a new journey with Jesus the Lord. A new life is born.

Mother of the Redemption, Angels, Saints, let us walk in today's faith.