

# Spiritual Readings for the month of November 2021

Please choose a reading and questions for reflection.

## Reading # 1

### **Luke 10: 25-37 The Parable of the Good Samaritan**

25. And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there? 27 And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." 28 And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." 29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down the road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, he had compassion, 34 and went to him and bound his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, "Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back." 36 Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" 37 He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

### Reflection:

Jesus is described as telling the parable in response to the question from a lawyer, "And who is my neighbor?" The neighbor figure in the parable is the one who shows mercy to the injured poor outcast - that is, the Samaritan.

### Questions for Discussion:

1. What virtues does the parable of the Good Samaritan reveal how relevant the parable is to our relationship with our neighbors in need and the marginalized in today's society?
2. Why is it important to be a good Samaritan?
3. How do you become a good Samaritan today?

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## **Reading # 2:**

### **Psalm 15:**

1. Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent?  
Who may live on your holy mountain?
2. Those whose way of life is blameless,  
Who does what is righteous,  
Who speaks the truth from their heart;  
Whose tongue utters no slander,  
Who does no wrong to a neighbour,  
And casts no slur on others;  
Who despises a vile person but honours those who fear the Lord;  
Who keeps an oath even when it hurts,  
And does not change their mind;  
Who lends money to the poor without interest;  
Who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.
3. Whoever, does these things  
Will never be shaken.

### **Reflection:**

1. The psalmist lays out the requirements for a holy life, one that pleases God. What does it mean to me to live in God's sacred tent, on His holy mountain?
2. Do any of these requirements speak to what we are called to be as Vincentians? If so how?

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