



Reflection

After reading, watching and hearing about Good Samaritans today, find a comfortable space, play the accompanying reflective music and consider the questions below.

You may wish to respond through personal reflection and prayer, in discussions with others, through writing, drawing or any other creative medium.

Lectio Divina

Across thousands of years and many different religious traditions, times of quiet and thoughtful meditation have been part of a contemplative way of life. St Benedict wrote about Lectio Divina, (divine or holy reading) – a slow, sacred reading of the Scriptures. He called it 'holy leisure'.

Read through the Parable of the Good Samaritan and then slowly follow the steps of Lectio Divina.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?"

Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay whatever you spend." Which of these three, do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Steps of Lectio Divina

