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Luke 17:11-19 - "Blessings All Around"

As Jesus traveled toward Jerusalem, He met ten people with leprosy who stood at a distance and called out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" Their illness had separated them from their homes and communities. Yet Jesus saw them—not just their disease, but their humanity—and told them to go and show themselves to the priests. As they went, they were healed.

All ten experienced a miracle that day, but only one returned to give thanks. He fell at Jesus'

feet, praising God with a full and grateful heart. And Jesus said, "Your faith has made you well."

That story reminds us that blessings and miracles abound, often in ways we might overlook. Today is a day of unexpected blessings and quiet miracles—signs that God is active and alive in our world and in our lives when we are open to seeing them.

I once knew a woman who kept a small notebook on her bedside table called her "Book of Blessings." Each evening, she wrote down three things that had touched her heart that day: the cheerful voice of a caregiver, the taste of her morning coffee, or a memory that made her smile. "Some days I have to think a little harder," she said, "but once I start, the blessings keep coming."

Her practice was a reminder that gratitude helps us see life through the eyes of faith. We may not always receive the answers or healing we hope for, but God's presence is never absent. The Spirit still moves in quiet, gentle ways—in friendship, kindness, laughter, and peace.

When we pause to notice these everyday blessings, we discover that miracles are not only something Jesus did long ago. They are happening still.

## **Reflection Question:**

What blessing or quiet miracle have you noticed this week that reminded you of God's presence?

## **Blessing:**

May your eyes be opened to the daily miracles that surround you, your heart overflow with gratitude, and your spirit rest in the tender care of God, who is always near. Amen.

In Christ's Love,

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