



Bread for the World 15/05/24

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners.

Luke 18. 9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

Wonderings:

- I wonder what mercy means and if you have ever experienced a God's mercy.
- I wonder if you have a favourite prayer.
- I wonder how you can centre yourself when you feel fragmented and distracted.
- I wonder if you have experienced how a prayer has power.

Closing Prayer

As the Spirit leads...