



COR 6

HEART OF THE
FATHER



**Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque
Prayer to the Sacred Heart:**

Lord Jesus,

Let my heart never rest until it finds You,
who are its Center, its Love, and its Happiness.

By the wound in Your heart
pardon the sins that I have committed
whether out of malice or out of evil desires.
Place my weak heart in your own Divine Heart,
continually under Your protection and guidance,
so that I may persevere in doing good
and in fleeing evil until my last breath.

Amen.

As we gather for our 6th COR meeting, let's explore the Gospel passage of Bartimaeus through Lectio Divina.

Today, we'll delve into the story of a blind man who calls out to Jesus for healing.

As we journey through Sacred Words of Scripture, let's also consider the powerful symbol of Jacob's Ladder, a biblical image depicting a ladder reaching from earth to heaven. This vision symbolizes the divine connection between humanity and the divine realm.

Just as Bartimaeus ascends spiritually, so too can we by reflecting on this text and connecting with his journey. We can use Jacob's Ladder as a metaphor for our own spiritual ascent, climbing the rungs towards a deeper connection with God and a greater sense of peace.

Lectio Divina: Ascending Jacob's Ladder – The Process

Meditation: Reflecting on the Word

Let's begin by slowing down and listening to the words of the Gospel passage.

- Read the passage slowly, intentionally and reverently.
- Pause after each verse or phrase allowing the words to breathe, penetrate and reside in your soul.
- What words, phrases or images stand out to you?
- Is there a particular verse, phrase or scene that resonates deeply?

Contemplation: Experience the Scene

We visualize the scene and connect with the characters.

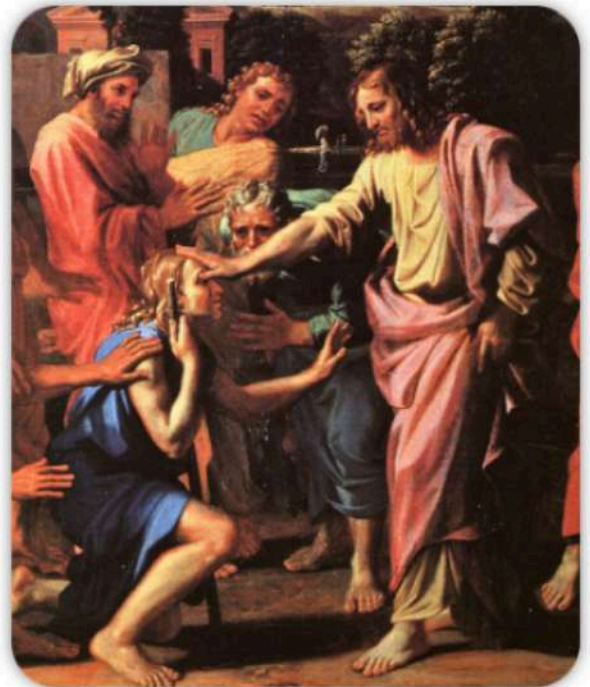
- Picture Bartimaeus' journey as a spiritual ascent.
- What obstacles does he face?
- How does his unwavering faith sustain him?
- What emotions might Bartimaeus and Jesus be experiencing?
- What parallels and analogues do you note in your own life?
- In what ways does this story resonate with your own experiences of darkness and light?

Call to Action: Responding to the Word

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- Let's set specific intentions based on our reflections.
- Consider ways to overcome obstacles, deepen our faith, or live more authentically.

In our Shared Journey, we deepen our understanding of the Gospel passage and its relevance to our own lives. Let us approach this time of Lectio Divina with open hearts and minds, allowing the Word of God to transform us.



Our Shared Lectio Divina Journey

Three volunteers will lend their voices to the Sacred Text, inviting us into three profound encounters with the Word. After each reading, we will pause for a moment of sacred silence, allowing the words to penetrate our souls.

- Following the first reading, we will share a word or phrase that ignited our hearts. This simple act of sharing weaves a tapestry of spiritual perspectives, enriching our individual journeys.
- After the second reading, we will delve into the depths of meaning, reflecting on how the chosen word or phrase resonates with our personal experiences. This deeper contemplation allows us to connect the divine message to our lives in a tangible way.
- Finally, after the third reading, we will consider the divine invitation before us. This call to action might be a whisper of guidance, a nudge towards transformation, or a spark of divine inspiration. Let us share our insights with open hearts, fostering a sense of spiritual community and shared purpose.

✠ Lectio Divina ✠
"The Healing of Bartimaeus."

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ
According to Saint Mark 10,46-52

As Jesus 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.

As We Depart

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of Your Word and for the opportunity to delve into the story of Bartimaeus. As we have reflected on his journey and his encounter with Jesus, may we be inspired to persevere in our faith, even in the face of challenges.

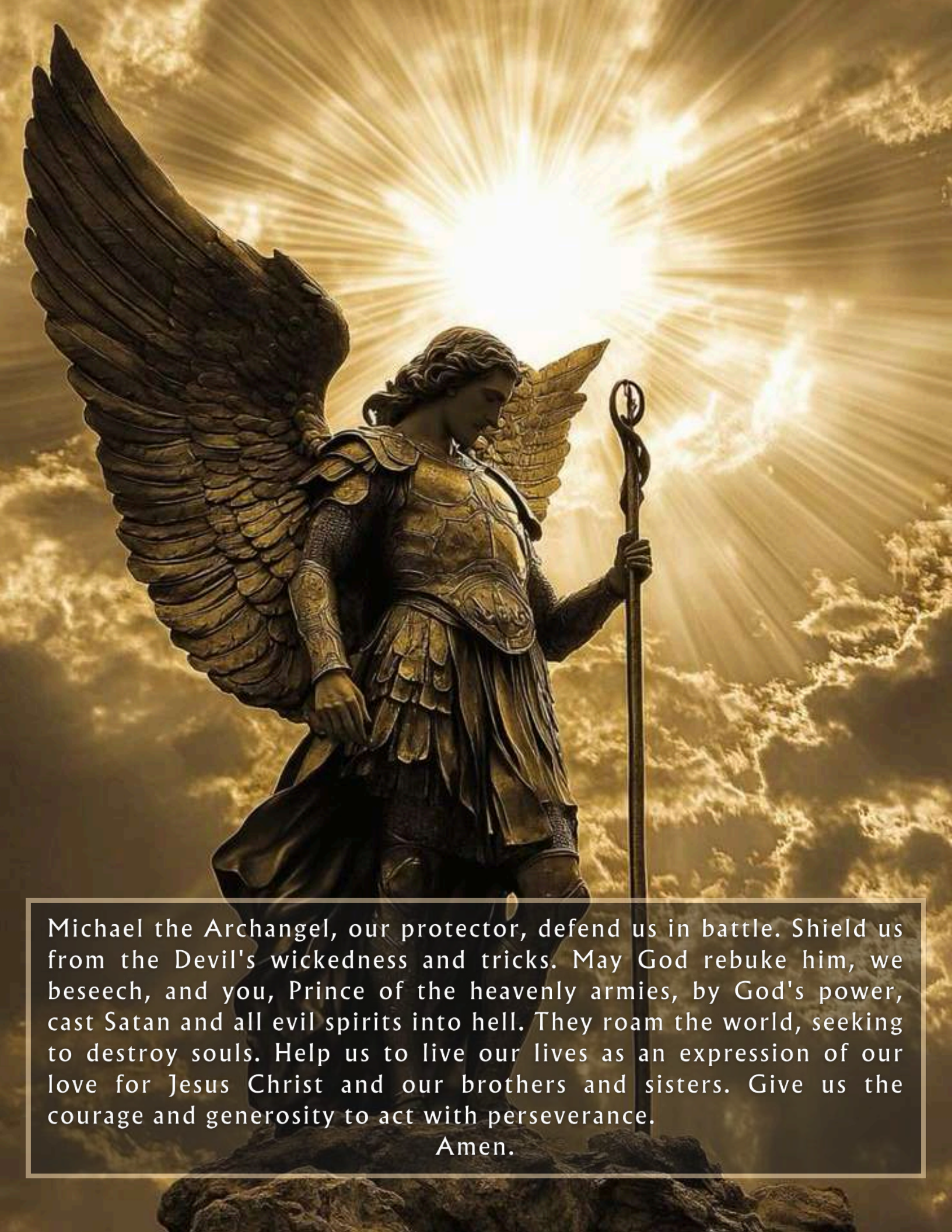
Like Bartimaeus, may we have the courage to cry out to You in our times of need. Grant us the faith to believe in Your healing power and the persistence to seek Your help.

May we always remember the image of Jacob's Ladder, a symbol of our connection to You. Help us to ascend the rungs of faith, trusting in Your guidance and love.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Michael the Archangel, our protector, defend us in battle. Shield us from the Devil's wickedness and tricks. May God rebuke him, we beseech, and you, Prince of the heavenly armies, by God's power, cast Satan and all evil spirits into hell. They roam the world, seeking to destroy souls. Help us to live our lives as an expression of our love for Jesus Christ and our brothers and sisters. Give us the courage and generosity to act with perseverance.

Amen.

