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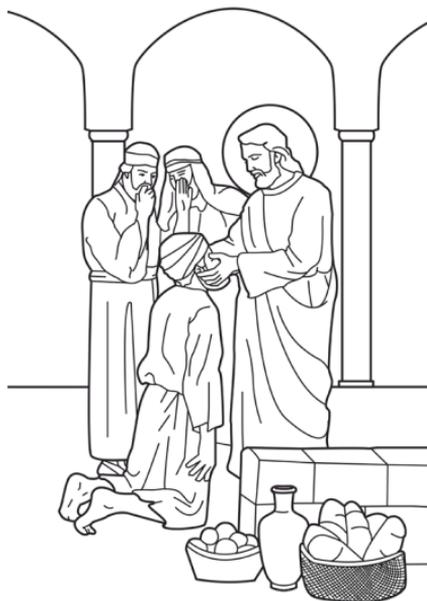
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**So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called.**

**Then they called the blind man, saying to him,**

**“Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you.”**

( Mark 10 : 49)

My Lord: You are my creator ... You alone is my healer



In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
One God.  
Amen

The Lord's call to the human soul throughout different ages is always to come to Him to get real comfort. God has created us in His own image, so He alone knows our frame and only Him is able to fulfill our deepest needs.

Our souls will find rest only in the work of the Holy Spirit in us through the living faith in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is calling us today, saying, **“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”** (Matthew 11:28)

The Bible tells us the story of the faith and healing of the blind Bartimaeus. When Jesus **“went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”**

**Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”**

**So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called.**

**Then they called the blind man, saying to him, “Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you.”**

**And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus.**

**So Jesus answered and said to him, “What do you want Me to do for you?”**

**The blind man said to Him, “Rabboni, that I may receive my sight.”**

**Then Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.”**

(Mark 10: 46-52)

Bartimaeus lived a life of weakness, unable to see the light, relying on others to fulfill his needs. Disease, among Jews, was also an indication of sin. All reasons that lead to despair and failure were available in the life of Bartimaeus. He is rejected of his society, living only to cover his

basic needs that enable him to continue life without any aspirations for the future.

But the amazing thing about Bartimaeus is that he did not despair. He took advantage of the first opportunity he had to be healed spiritually, psychologically and physically. Certainly Bartimaeus had heard of Jesus before, but he did not know how to communicate with Him. He may have wanted in his heart to meet Him, but he did not know how. The passage of the Lord Jesus near Bartimaeus was not by chance; the Lord knew the need of Bartimaeus and the longing of his heart.

Bartimaeus knew that he was in great need for the Savior, as he was willing to do anything to be healed. He suffered the rebuke of the assembly and perhaps their mocking at him in order to reach Jesus. Bartimaeus was shouting out from the depths of his heart for salvation and healing in very simple words: **“Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”** (Mark 10:47). And as he was facing negative signs from the outside as of the crowd’s rebuked

him, he cried out more: **“Son of David, have mercy on me!”** (Mark 10:48). The wars of the enemy of good are intensified when the human soul seeks the Lord to be freed from the bondage of the devil.

Finally, Bartimaeus learned that Jesus was calling him. The first thing he did was to through aside his garment, which was the most precious thing he had, to go quickly to Jesus. Bartimaeus realized that the healing from his weakness in order to see the light was the most precious thing he should attain. So he was ready to give up his dignity, indifferent to the people’s mocking and rebuke, and his clothing that represents his possessions in order to receive the greatest gift of healing and salvation.

Are you ready to give up everything to meet the call of salvation today?

Be of good cheer. Rise, Jesus is calling you, He wants to heal you from:

## ***1. Spiritual blindness***

**“whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.”** (2 Corinthians 4: 4)

The story of Bartimaeus can be likened to the story of the human soul, which the enemy of goodness made her lost the grace of spiritual insight. The Lord Jesus Christ came to save man from the disease of sin that leads to eternal death.<sup>(1)</sup> He calls every human soul to respond to the call and receive the salvation He prepared and completed by His death on the cross and His glorious resurrection triumphing over sin: The sting of death.

Do you trust in the full victory of the Lord and meet His call today by the living faith in the Lord Jesus Christ,

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(1) For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3: 16)

to enjoy the salvation<sup>(1)</sup> and God's eternal everlasting love to you <sup>(2)</sup>?

All you need is to:

1. Realize your weakness and inability of others around you to save you.

2. Cry out from your the bottom of your heart asking for salvation, as the Lord alone can save you completely.

3. Leave all love for sin in your life to receive the greatest gift, which is the eternal everlasting love of Jesus.

4. Follow Jesus on the way to act according to His commandments, so that you may live in a manner “**worthy of the gospel of Christ**” (Philippians 1:27), enjoying the communion of believers through the Church.

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(1) receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.

(1 Peter 1: 9)

(2) Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love;

Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you. (Jeremiah 31: 3)

❖ My Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Thank You for completing all the salvation work to save me from the eternal destruction through Your death for me on the cross and Your glorious resurrection.

Forgive me for every time I have not answered Your call to me and have not trusted all Your promises.

Thank You for inviting me today to enjoy the salvation.

Help me hear Your voice and open the door of my heart<sup>(1)</sup>, to enjoy the real life in Your bosom.

Give me grace so that I can sell everything to gain the hidden treasure<sup>(2)</sup> and the one precious pearl <sup>(3)</sup> which is Your heavenly kingdom.

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(1) Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. (Revelation 3: 20)

(2) Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.. (Matthew 13: 44)

(3) Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it. (Matthew 13: 45,46)

**For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?** (Matthew 16:26)

## ***2. Addiction***

**“You shall have no other gods before Me.”** (Exodus 20: 3)

Any kind of addiction, such as impurity or drugs etc, that hinders our enjoyment of communion with God, is in fact a betrayal of God. It is the appointment of another god and giving him the first place in our lives instead of God the Creator. **“The Lord our God, the Lord is one!”** (Deuteronomy 6: 4). He does not accept any company with any other god.

The first commandment of the Ten Commandments and the greatest among them all, to which the rest of the commandments are connected, is **“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.”** (Deuteronomy 6: 5). This

commandment can not be fulfilled in the presence of any kind of addiction in your life. You must eliminate any addiction in your life before it destroys your spiritual life.

The Lord's call to you today is to rise from the bondage of addiction that exists in your life, to cast yourself in the Redeemer's bosom, so that you can enjoy the work of God's Holy Spirit inside you, to experience the freedom **“from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.”** (Romans 8:21). **“where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”** (2 Corinthians 3:17)

❖ My living God,

I come to you today asking Your forgiveness and Your full liberation.

Forgive me for every time I allowed the sin (.....) to take the first place in my life,

Forgive me for every time I did not answer Your call to me to rise from the slavery of addiction in order to be

healed from the disease of sin.

Forgive me for the years that locusts of addiction (.....) ate in my life.

Forgive me that I preferred temporary pleasure in the mud of addiction and sin than to sit in Your Holy presence.

Thank You Lord for inviting me today to rise and to come to Your bosom.

Free me Lord from every bondage in my life preventing me from coming to You to experience the true way for life.

As You, Lord, is **“the way, the truth, and the life.”**  
(John 14: 6)

### ***3. Despair and failure***

**“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”** (2 Timothy 1: 7).

Despair is considered one of the most powerful weapons

of Satan by which he fights the human soul. Both Judas Iscariot and Simon Peter sinned. But as Judas surrendered to despair, Satan swallowed him up, while Saint Peter repented sincerely, to become one of the pillars of faith in the Church.

Despair is one of the greatest sins directed against God. The person who despairs of God's mercy and His ability to forgive is acting as if he is saying to God in blasphemy: «Sorry, Lord, but You can not help me in this situation.» You have to realize the fact that God is unlimited, and God who created this universe is able to deal with your weakness to give you victory. He alone can come out of the strong sweetness.

Focus on God, not on your weakness, and rejoice the love of God, for the joy of the Lord is our strength (Nehemiah 8:10). Whatever the negative signs around you are and whatever the depth of your weakness and sinfulness was, trust in Jesus who is able to raise you from the death even if sin has made you stink in the grave of death.

Let us shout and chant with Habakkuk, proclaiming our trust in the Lord; rejoicing, praising and singing to Him in our hearts, saying:

**Though the fig tree may not blossom,  
Nor fruit be on the vines;  
Though the labor of the olive may fail,  
And the fields yield no food;  
Though the flock may be cut off from the fold,  
And there be no herd in the stalls—**

**Yet I will rejoice in the Lord,  
I will joy in the God of my salvation.**

**The Lord God is my strength;  
He will make my feet like deer's feet,  
And He will make me walk on my high hills.**  
(Habakkuk 3: 17-19)

❖ Oh God of hope,

Thank You as Your compassions never fail. **“They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.”**  
(Lamentations 3:23)

Thank You for not rejecting anyone who comes to You with true repentance according to your promise: **“the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.”**  
(John 6:37)

Forgive me for every time I allowed the spirit of despair and failure to blind me of Your unlimited strength that can save me completely.

Save me from my weakness and sin as **“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”** (1 John 1:9)  
**“and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”** (1 John 1:7)

Give me strength in difficult circumstances facing me in a world that lies under the sway of the wicked one, trusting that **“The God of heaven Himself will prosper**

**us; therefore we His servants will arise and build”**  
(Nehemiah 2: 20)

I declare my trust in You today, Oh God of hope, with full confidence that You alone are the Almighty, **“who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us”**  
(Ephesians 3:20)



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- ❖ Come to Jesus' bosom



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