

# Cycle B – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Oct. 13, 2024

*(Gospel only)*

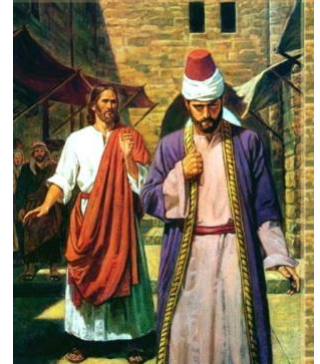
## Opening Prayer (Psalm 90)

*Leader:* Teach us, O Lord, to count our days  
that we may gain a wise heart.

**All:** Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

*Leader:* Let your work be manifest to your servants,  
and you glorious power to their children.

**All:** Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us.  
and prosper for us the work of our hands.



## Gospel – Mark 10: 17-30

Jesus has three important points in this passage: 1) the story itself of the rich young man; 2) a teaching on wealth and God's reign; 3) assurance to those who surrender their possessions. Moving and well-known, this story in fact challenges the Hebrew belief in Jesus' time that wealth was a sign of God's favour. On the contrary, Jesus explains to his disciples that wealth and God are frequently at odds with each other.

1. What part of this passage touches you the most?
2. How relevant is the message of this passage for our affluent culture today?
3. How do you reconcile having wealth and the demands of our faith obedience to God?
4. Have you ever experienced a conflict similar to the rich young man in this passage?

## Praying the Word

*Intention:* For all who enjoy the riches of this world and for their willingness to share their possessions with those in need. We pray to the Lord.

*(Invite personal intentions, ending with the Lord's Prayer)*

## Concluding Prayer

*Leader:* If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
who could stand?

**All:** Fill our hearts, O Lord, with the desire,  
to place all we possess at your disposal and service.

*Leader:* Fill us with compassion for the poor,  
and show us the way to follow you  
by letting our wealth be used by you, O God.

**All:** Help us to share with others out of the riches  
you give us each day.  
We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. AMEN

*(Let us Share a Sign of Peace)*

