



Fall Faith Walk
Week of September 21

Opening Prayer

Open my eyes that I may see,
incline my heart that I may desire,
order my steps that I may follow
in the way of Jesus, my companion and savior. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 8:22–25

They came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to him and begged him to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village; and when he had put saliva on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, ‘Can you see anything?’ And the man looked up and said, ‘I can see people, but they look like trees, walking.’ Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he looked intently, and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.

Reflection

Joyce Rupp, *Walk in a Relaxed Manner*

Today, I realized it has taken me many days of walking to finally reach a clearness inside that is allowing me to contemplate all I see. It was gradual – beginning with the magnificent grapes in the vineyards. Now I can look at this old bench I sit on, rusted green, bird poop, highway noise nearby and I can be still inside. I can look at the shape of the bench, the holes the patches of corrosion and “see” it with my spiritual eyes. I need to “see” people’s faces more, to read the sacredness there, too.

Departing Prayer

Dear God,
Let your healing open our eyes,
to see the wonders right in front of us within us,
and the divine within each other.
Today we ask that you
give all of us discernment and courage to live as you call.
Let your healing light shine.

For all those broken in body, mind, or spirit, particularly...

Whose hearts are broken, particularly those grieving the loss of a loved one...

We are grateful for the blessings of this day
and particularly for....

We pray all these things confident in your power and presence in our lives. Amen.