


	<b>The good Samaritan</b>	
<b>Presence of God</b>	Considering how God looks at me.	
<b>History</b> Luke 10, 30 – 35	<p>30 In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’</p>	
<b>Petition</b>	<i>Lord, may I know you more clearly, love you more deeply and follow you more nearly!</i>	
<b>Contemplation</b>	<p><b>vv 30 – 32 A stripped man</b>  <i>By means of parables, Jesus always wants to teach us something. On this occasion, He tells the story of a man who went on a trip. It was not a leisure trip. Back then, what did people travel for? Probably, they had some errand to do or something to take from one place to the other. On the way, this man was attacked by some robbers who stole his belongings, beat him and went away. Now, close your eyes and imagine ... if you were going through this ordeal... put in this man's shoes.... How would you feel? What would you think? Who would you like to pass by? You would be most probably praying ... What would you ask God? How would you feel at the fact that many people saw you but passed by without helping you?</i></p>	<p><b>Compassion means putting yourself in the other's shoes.</b>  <b>The Learning Services program helps our students experience other realities, which are characterized in general by hardships.</b></p>
	<p><b>vv 33 – 35 But a Samaritan...</b>  <i>One would be most probably asking God to be helped by someone. After a while, a man came by. He was from Samaria. Samaritans and Jews hated each other (the half dead man was a Jew, like Jesus). But although these two men could tell at first sight that they were different, they did not care. The Samaritan realized that if he did not do something, this man would end up dead (he was half dead already, and could do nothing to change the situation). Let's imagine once again that you are lying on our back, half dead, when suddenly, you see someone getting closer; willing to help you. Look at him in the eye... he takes pity on you ... he heals you to make you feel better and puts you on his donkey. Imagine ... What else does he do? How do you feel while you are being cared for and saved from death? ...</i></p>	
	<p><b>( cf. v 37) Go and do likewise...</b>  <i>Now that we know what it feels like to be saved, we will analyze the story from a different perspective. Now imagine that <u>you</u> are the Samaritan. Imagine that you are walking by and suddenly you see a man, injured and bleeding, stripped from his clothes and belongings, almost dead...Perhaps... Jesus has sent you here to give this man a hand!!? Imagine yourself doing the same things the good Samaritan did: you approach the man, realize he needs your help, take time healing him carefully. Imagine you put the injured on the donkey and start walking to the inn and pay for it because this man can't. How does this man feel about your attitude? How do <u>you</u> feel?</i></p>	

**Colloquy**

*Let's sit on the carpet, on the promised land, near Jesus, to hear him in the silence of our hearts .*  
*Many people have behaved like good Samaritans in you life, for sure... if not, you wouldn't be here, alive and kicking... Try to remember those who have been "good Samaritans" to you; that is, people who have helped you; remember about those who have fed you (mom and dad, the butcher, the baker, etc...), who have taught you, have looked after you, made you happy (friends...), who have loved and cared for you. God has sent them all to help you and take care of you.*  
*Now, thank Jesus for each of them.*

