

6 August 2023

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – PROPER 13

BLESSING OTHERS





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Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

- 1. What is compassion?
- 2. Share about a time when someone showed compassion to you, or when you showed compassion to someone else.



BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week. Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

1st reading

2nd reading

Genesis 32:22-31

Jacob wrestles with God

Romans 9:1-5

Paul's anguish over Israel

Gospel reading

Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus feeds five thousand

DISCUSS

Jesus performs a miracle when he feeds five thousand people. What would it be like to experience something that amazing?



ACTION RESPONSE

God calls those who have been materially blessed to share with those who have less. Make a special monetary donation this week to an aid organisation working with the poor, or to a local charity assisting those in need.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we set out each day to follow you. Please be kind to us and care for us. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Jesus, bless the food upon our dishes, as you did the loaves and fishes. By your grace we eat and live, hear our thanks for all you give. Amen.



BLESSING

May the Lord feed you in body and in spirit and meet all your needs.

WHEN JESUS LANDED AND SAW A LARGE CROWD, HE HAD COMPASSION ON THEM AND HEALED THEIR SICK.

MATTHEW 14:14

VERSE OF THE WEEK

