

Opening Prayer

God our Father,
only You can give
meaning and purpose to life.
Let Your Word, rich as it is,
pierce deeply into our hearts
and change our lives,
so that we may know life at its best,
and learn to live for You and for others Through
Christ our Lord.

Amen

Reading of the Man Born Blind

Reflections

Who are we in this story?

- Pharisees – who are more interested in religious traditions created by men?

- Skeptical neighbors – who tried to rationalize a miracle and come up with an explanation for it?
- The disciples – who think the only reason people suffer and go through trials is because of their own sin?
- The parents – who are afraid of the religious bullies?
- Blind man – who doesn't know much, but that once he was blind, and now he sees, all because of Jesus.

Closing Prayer

God our Father, give us the power of your Spirit that we may see and love in others what you see and love in them. We want to see the positive in people and bring out the best in each other. It's easy to say that, but not always easy to live it out, and so we ask you to help and inspire us to live as you would like us to live this day. **Amen.**

MAN BORN BLIND

I am convinced
that neither
DEATH
nor LIFE,
neither
angels nor demons,
neither
the present
nor the future,
nor any powers,
neither height
nor depth
nor
ANYTHING
else in
all creation,
will be able to
separate us from
the
love of
God
that is in Christ Jesus our
LORD.

Romans 8:36,39

