

# This week meditations on liturgical texts from Skynia Magazine

# June 27 - July 3 The Gregorian calendar

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## **Stages of meditation**

Please find below some schematic prompts for each stage of the meditation on the Word of God. Read more.

## 1. Reading

- Read the text
- O What does it tell by itself?
- Clear up the context
- Look up the comments
- Find the key-phrase

#### 2. Meditation

- O What is my here and now?
- O What does the Word tell me?
- Use your imagination
- "Digest" the text
- The Word and my life

## 3. Prayer

- Owner will I say in response?
- Recognition and request
- Gratitude and glorifying
- Prayer in the Word
- My participation in the Divine Liturgy

## 4. Contemplation

- A call to conversion
- Now Lam silent
- Staying in the presence of God
- Now He is guiding me

# **Biblical readings and meditations**

#### **June 27**

## **Sunday 5**

Bl. Mykola (Nicholas)
Charnetsky and others

Romans 10: 1-10

Matthew 8:28 - 9:1

- Reading
- Meditation
- Prayer
- <u>Contemplation</u>

Romans 10: 1-10

Brothers and Sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that

we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

#### Matthew 8:28 - 9:1

When he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs coming out of the tombs met him. They were so fierce that no one could pass that way. Suddenly they shouted, "What have you to do with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a large herd of swine was feeding at some distance from them. The demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go!" So they came out and entered the swine; and suddenly, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and perished in the water. The swineherds ran off, and on going into the town, they told the whole story about what had happened to the demoniacs. Then the whole town came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And after getting into a boat he crossed the sea and came to his own town.

#### Meditation

Jesus goes to the lands of Gentiles. He liberates two men from the legion of evil spirits. This healing comes at a price. It costs the locals the herd of swine drowned in the sea. The whole town comes, looks at it and asks Jesus to leave their neighbourhood. Why was such a great Benefactor asked to leave, to return to His lands? The answer

has to do with the inhabitants of that town as well as with every town in this world.

The true God, Christ, insists that the central place should belong to the man. Everything must be done from the standpoint of the good of man, of every man, everything must be devoted to his true good. When the true God comes, priorities change dramatically. The human economy, the only real priority, must cease to be a priority. Thus, the social, political and economic order of the world changes. To destroy a plantation of opium plants or cocaine raw materials in order to give life to just one person will completely change the economy of the whole world. As long as earnings are the main goal of every person, all mankind is sacrificed to them. To destroy generations of people or to destroy just one plantation that provides raw materials for drug production — that is the choice relating to human death. Under the influence of sin the whole world operates in this way, and thus there is no place for Christ on our earth.

For the salvation of only one person Jesus *destroys the God Himself*. He, the Lord, the true God, allows to be destroyed on the cross, to be ruined, to be killed in order to give life to man. He knows that values can change dramatically. The true values will rise, and the false ones will perish. On this earth there is no place for Christ, the only bearer of true values, because people live by false values.

#### June 28

## Monday

Romans 16: 17-24

Matthew 13: 10-23

- Reading
- Meditation
- Prayer
- Contemplation

Romans 16: 17-24

I urge you, brothers and sisters, to keep an eye on those who cause dissensions and offenses, in opposition to the teaching that you have learned; avoid them. For such people do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the simple-minded. For while your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, I want you to be wise in what is good and guileless in what is evil. The God of peace will shortly crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Timothy, my co-worker, greets you; so do Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my relatives. I Tertius, the writer of this letter, greet you in the Lord. Gaius, who is host to me and to the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the city treasurer, and our brother Quartus, greet you. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you. Amen.

#### Matthew 13: 10-23

Then the disciples came and asked him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He answered, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. The reason I speak to them in parables is that 'seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.' With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says: 'You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive. For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn—and I would heal them.'

But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person

immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

#### Meditation

Do not touch the fire, because you will get burned... How many times in our childhood did we hear this phrase and similar ones from our parents or guardians, who more than once expressed their care for our safety and life by means of such warnings? Today St. Paul also warns us against spiritual burn, because he is aware of a lot of spiritual dangers that await us everywhere. Since childhood we know that fire damages our body, and St. Paul knows that if we follow those who cause discord and temptation and oppose the apostolic teaching, it harms our souls. Perhaps, as in childhood, it can be difficult for us to believe without first being burned, but still let's try to listen to the apostle, and check everything whether it is compatible with the Church teaching.

Today's Gospel reading perfectly complements the passage from the Epistle by St. Paul. Jesus speaks in parables to bring God's Truths closer to us in the simplest and most understandable way possible. The Savior does this throughout all the actions of mankind. It is always God Who first comes to man, seeks him; God is always the first to ascend to the human level; He humbles Himself as much as He can, just to speak to us, to show us the truth about Himself and that He wants us to be with Him and rejoice in eternity. But the final

choice always depends on us, God can't do anything here, or rather He doesn't want to do anything about it. Once He gave us free will, He respects it, even if it can «burn» us to spiritual death. The Lord tells and teaches us what and how to do and what should not be done to be happy and to be with Him, and we, like little children, want to be independent; we experiment and decide by ourselves what burns and what cannot burn us.

Today the Lord tells us: I do everything possible and impossible to draw you closer to my side, even as you read this reflection... He creates the opportunity to speak to your heart, and what you do with it depends only on you. Whether you read today's words and bring them close to your heart or not, it is up to you, just know that God loves you so much that He respects your decision, whatever it may be. He is always ready to welcome you and bandage your wounds.

#### **June 29**

## Tuesday

The Holy, Glorious,
All-Praiseworthy and Chief
Apostles Peter and Paul

2 Corinthians 11:21 - 12:9

Matthew 16: 13-19

- Reading
- Meditation
- Prayer
- Contemplation

#### 2 Corinthians 11:21 - 12:9

Brethren, to my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that! But whatever anyone dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ? I am talking like a madman—I am a better one: with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless floggings, and often near death. Five times I have received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I received a stoning. Three times I was shipwrecked; for a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from bandits, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers and sisters; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, hungry and

thirsty, often without food, cold and naked. 28 And, besides other things, I am under daily pressure because of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I am not indignant?

If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus (blessed be he forever!) knows that I do not lie. In Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.

It is necessary to boast; nothing is to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more

gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

#### Matthew 16: 13-19

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

#### Meditation

The liturgy of today's feast invites us to celebrate several aspects at the same time: the faith of Peter; his belief in the divinity of Christ; the task entrusted by the Lord to be the helmsman of the boat of the Church, and the running of this mandate in the activity of his successors. Thus, it is a feast that embraces the whole Church: the Head, that is, Christ Himself; the one who represents the Head on earth, that is, the Pope, and today it is Pope Francis; and all the members of the Church of Christ. The keys of the kingdom entrusted to Peter became the all-encompassing Sacrament of Salvation for the whole human race. Christ is the Head. And the

faith and testimony of the first among the apostles, his triple confession of love, give Christ the opportunity to proclaim His divine will for this choice, this mission and this responsibility which He has given to Peter. "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. In this way a simple fisherman from Galilee became, by the will of God, the chief of the apostles. Thus, in connection with this mandate, the steadfastness of the Church established on the rock, that is Christ, and on Peter, who strengthened himself in his faith, was proclaimed. The Lord even wanted to give us a guarantee of the victory over the gates of Hades, over evil, and over the enemies of the Church. From this chair, where the Vicar of Christ sits, we expect words of true doctrine and right guidance. That is why today we especially want to pray for Pope Francis that the Lord will always guide him in this delicate ministry. And that all may see in him a shepherd and take advantage of his guidance on the ways of truth that lead to Christ.

#### June 30

## Wednesday

The Synaxis of the Holy, Glorious and All-Praiseworthy Twelve Apostles

1 Corinthians 4: 9-16

Mark 3: 13-19

- Reading
- Meditation
- Prayer
- Contemplation

#### 1 Corinthians 4: 9-16

Brethren, for I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day.

I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. I appeal to you, then, be imitators of me.

#### Mark 3: 13-19

He went up the mountain and called to him those whom he wanted, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve, whom he also named apostles, to be with him, and to be sent out to proclaim the message, and to have authority to cast out demons. So he appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); James son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

#### Meditation

Jesus goes up the mountain. For Mark it is a place of union with the Father and prayer in solitude. Then He descends and chooses twelve apostles to be with Him. Among them there are Judas, who will betray Him, Peter, who will renounce Him out of fear, Thomas, who will doubt His resurrection ... But Christ chooses these twelve persons, each of them stranger than the other one, weak like we are, and establishes the first Church. Probably He could have done it in a better way. He could have turned His apostles into role models full of virtues. But Jesus did not come to change the nature of people by adding them abilities. He wants us to understand that He loves us the way we are, with all our strengths and weaknesses. That by following Him we can learn to be better. Jesus spends the

night in prayer, then descends and chooses the twelve. The goal is clear: to be with Him, that is, to gain the experience of being with Him in order to preach the Gospel and fight the evil. In this we can find everything. Such is the Church. It is a community of those who are with Christ, proclaiming the Gospel and fighting the evil.

Do not ask or expect anything else from the Church. Such is the Church: a people gathered by the Word and heading towards the fullness of the kingdom. The Church is not a people of the perfect, but only of the reconciled. The Lord is still calling today, but how many people are following Him? How many are able to hear His voice, His word, and dedicate themselves to Him in trust? How many are not afraid of condemnation or slander? Not so many years ago, people cared about others seeing them as decent Christians, practicing Christians, because they were considered good people. Today it seems that we should be ashamed of our faith and that Christ is no longer in vogue. Today you must fight to be a Christian. It is necessary to resist the dominant culture and mentality, which promote the faith in success, that is, the accumulation of goods and entertainment. Have we become deaf to the calling of Christ?

## July 1

## **Thursday**

1 Corinthians 3: 18-23

Matthew 13: 36-43

- Reading
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#### 1 Corinthians 3: 18-23

Brethren, do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile."

So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

## Matthew 13: 36-43

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end

of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

#### Meditation

Do not deceive yourselves, says Paul the apostle in today's reading. The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God, he goes on. We, as people who study, work, and rest, often deceive ourselves. At times, we are very philosophical, looking for some new answers and solutions, thus trying to deny the truth. Paul says not to deceive ourselves and not to philosophize, because only the Lord is the true wisdom. That is why he calls us to become disciples of Christ, and not to boast that we are in a coalition with someone, because all this, according to Paul, is foolishness.

This reading explains the passage from the Gospel which is an interpretation of the parable of the weeds. Christ draws an analogy with the harvest and explains every element of His teaching. It follows that the angels will collect the wheat and weeds, and then each will face their destiny: some will be burnt, others will stay and enter the kingdom of God.

What is similar between the passages? The fact that everyone who is with God will not be afraid of the fire. He who listens to the Word of God and lives by it will not be afraid of fire. Christ makes a

thought-provoking comparison — wheat and weeds, — life and emptiness, benefit and harm, beauty and disgust. It is also curious to know that wheat and weeds grow at the same time, not by turns, they exist side by side. A little above today's passage, the slaves ask the master whether they should gather the weeds and leave only the wheat, but the master forbids them to do so, saying that in this way they can harm the wheat. That is the answer to our eternal questions: why do evil and good exist side by side and why is the Lord waiting. He is waiting for the harvest time, so He says: *Let anyone with ears listen!* 

Because of His kindness and love, He is ready to wait until the end so as not to harm those who are with Him. That is why Paul the apostle exhorts us not to deceive ourselves, but to be faithful and sincere. The parable of the wheat and weeds is a part of the great teaching about the kingdom of God. Each of us can find ourselves in those parables and answer the question: who am I – wheat or weeds? What kind of seed from the parable of the Sower am I?

## July 2

## **Friday**

The Placing of the Precious
Robe of Our Most Holy Lady
and the Mother of God

**Hebrews 9: 1-7** 

Luke 10: 38-42, 11: 27-28

- Reading
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**Hebrews 9: 1-7** 

Brethren, now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was constructed, the first one, in which were the lampstand, the table, and the bread of the Presence; this is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a tent called the Holy of Holies. In it stood the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which there were a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot speak now in detail.

Such preparations having been made, the priests go continually into the first tent to carry out their ritual duties; but only the high priest goes into the second, and he but once a year, and not without taking the blood that he offers for himself and for the sins committed unintentionally by the people.

#### Luke 10: 38-42, 11: 27-28

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!"

#### Meditation

Today's Word of God liberates us from all obstacles. In some way the image of Martha, Mary's sister, represents the whole world with its business and lack of attention. The world captivates us with things that distract and distance us from what is really worth seeing, from what can change our lives – from the presence of God. Indeed, it is important to see the beauty even in small things in order not to stop on the way towards the open arms of the Lord. Whenever thoughts, worries or important choices appear, one should resist the temptation to think and plan instead it is necessary to pray and

listen to the Word. Then the worries and anxieties will disappear, the light for the mind will come, and you will be able to rely on your faith in those things which you cannot yet do or understand.

Everyone can say, Lord, I am still very little in faith. But I see how much You have done and continue to do in my life. Therefore, I ask You to send Your Spirit to strengthen me in the fight against all temptations that try to distract me from hearing Your Word and from the prayer full of trust in You.

We also ask for the help from the Blessed Virgin to be able to every day unite in ourselves the images of Mary and Martha, that is, we ask for a balance between action and contemplation. Only in this way we can truly and daily feel God's presence and His boundless love for us. In this way we will be as blessed as She is. Because we will carry Jesus Himself through our lives. As we listen to His words, we feel His presence throughout the day, trying to respond with love to His love.

### July 3

## Saturday

Romans 9: 1-5

Matthew 9: 18-26

- Reading
- Meditation
- Prayer
- <u>Contemplation</u>

#### Romans 9: 1-5

Brethren, I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

#### Matthew 9: 18-26

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus

turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

#### Meditation

Jesus together with His disciples go to the house of the father whose child has just died. We know from the Gospels of Luke and Mark that this man's name is Jairus, and he is one of the leaders of the synagogue. Most probably everyone is in a hurry; there is no time to procrastinate, talk, and listen to the teachings of Jesus, because a terrible tragedy has happened in the family of this man. Some want to support the family, express sympathy and offer help; some are just curious whether Jesus will be able to do something this time; others hurry only for the sake of a miracle. In any case, you need to come to Jairus' house as quickly as possible.

Jesus suddenly stops. Among the many people who follow Him, Christ turns His attention to one woman. A lot of people may perceive this gesture as strange and illogical. After all, we must hurry. Why find out who touched whom; all crowded around Jesus.

The Lord looks at the woman who has been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. All this time, according to Jewish law, she was considered unclean and experienced social isolation. For twelve long years she has been slowly loosing her life. Touching the

fringe of the Lord's cloak heals the woman from a physical ailment. For the fear of being punished or humiliated, the woman wants to hide. However, Jesus does not allow this act of hers to remain a secret. He shows her faith and says: *Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.* The words of the Lord addressed to the woman complete the healing: they cure the soul, bring the woman back to the life in community. The gaze of Jesus and His words are more important to this woman than her physical healing.

Maybe sometimes I do not dare to turn to the Lord with my needs or requests, I think that others have more important problems, and God will not notice or listen to me. The Word of God shows us that it was equally easy for Jesus to heal the bleeding woman with one touch to His cloak and to bring a young girl back to life. Apparently, it is equally important. The Lord responds to everyone who comes to Him in faith. But will I have the courage to share God's answer to my faith with others?

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