

On this the Sunday of the Paralytic, the Gospel according to Saint John is read, Chapter 5:1-15. In the Gospel reading, we hear of a man who had been ill for thirty-eight years. He waited by a gate so that when an angel of God went and “troubled the water” he could go in, for anyone who did would be healed of their ailment. This man had no one who could take him to the pool, and he waited day in and day out for a miracle. Upon seeing him, Jesus Christ asked if he wanted to be healed and in wanting to be, he healed him instantaneously and told him “Rise, take up your pallet and walk.” The man did just this, and he was told by Jesus Christ to sin no more.

What if there was someone who could have taken the paralytic into the pool? Would he have waited for thirty-eight years? Dearest ones, we need one another. We all need each other and it is more than likely that at one point or another in our lives we will need someone’s help.

Are there people within our communities that have no family? Let us be their family. Are there people who are lonely without friends? Let us be their friends. Are there people who could use some help? Let us help them.

Let us answer the call of those who are in need; let us reach out to them for this is our mission as Christians, as followers of Jesus Christ. In doing so, He will answer us saying, “Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me,” (Matthew 25:40). In His name let us pray; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever, amen.