



## THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE:

### The Fellowship of the Mat

Luke 5:17-26 (NIV)

<sup>17</sup> One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. <sup>18</sup> Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. <sup>19</sup> When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. <sup>20</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven." <sup>21</sup> The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? <sup>23</sup> Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk?' <sup>24</sup> But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." <sup>25</sup> Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. <sup>26</sup> Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."

## Prayers for September 6 - 12, 2020

**West Sider ::** Pam Webb (Raelynn, Lydia)

**West Side Ministry ::** Discipleship Growth Committee

**Mali Children ::** Sadio and Kamissa

**Local Church ::** First Lutheran Church - Pasco

**Additional Concerns ::** Lil Leggett, Margaret Storms, Grace Jackson, Gerry Wyatt, Dan & Sue Batchelder, Tom Abrams, Hideki Long, Debbie Mellinger, Christy Gillum, Devin Rodgers, John & Martha Zimmerman, Jane Frazier, Janice Wellington, Beverley Raffety, George Booth, David Bondurant

**In Military Service ::** North Carolina-Mike Parkman; South Carolina-Adam Hardy; Illinois-Noah Ellis; Nevada-Jared Hoey; California-Charina Erhart, Devin Glade; Washington/Oregon-Jacob Ellis

**This week we are praying for** Terry and Nancy Sullivan working (remotely) with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Benin, West Africa. They recently reported the following: *"The Aja translation activities are continuing on. We have been able to keep in touch with our colleagues in Benin on the Aja project. This includes facilitating the distribution of Scripture portions at different times, based on the texts and formats we set up before leaving Benin to go on furlough. In May, with the help of our Administrator and one of the testing team members, over 7,000 sheets with the story of Pentecost were distributed in the Aja territory. People are always happy to see the Scriptures in their own language. We are pleased to report that the New Testament is nearing the final phases for getting ready to publish. The translators and the Bible Society consultant have been working constantly together on every kind of correction, harmonization, introductions, formatting, and on and on to bring the work to this point. Our partners in the work, the Benin Bible Society, are working on planning for that, as that is their domain of activity in the partnership agreement with SIL and the local association of churches. Current plans are for the Aja New Testament to be available by March of 2021, including a dedication ceremony in that time frame."*

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