

**Gratitude transforms life, and faith! opens the heart to God...**

My dear brothers and sisters... Today we are invited to contemplate how faith and gratitude come together in our lives...

The simple but profound action of one man shows us what God expects from us... A trusting faith that opens the heart, and a grateful heart that recognizes the gifts received...

**Your faith has saved you...** Salvation is the fruit of a faith that trusts and gives thanks...

For many people, recovering a grateful heart can be the first step toward healing their relationship with God...

And I mean a gratitude that is not focused on praise or on counting how much we have received... But a gratitude that sees and recognizes the greatness and goodness of God... and believes simply for that reason...

A grateful believer knows that his or her whole existence is a gift from God...

Everything around us takes on a new depth; things are no longer just objects that satisfy needs, but signs of God's grace and goodness...

And the people we meet along the way are also gifts and grace through them, the invisible presence of God becomes visible...

The first reading gives us a beautiful example... Naaman, a powerful and proud man, expected a spectacular gesture to be healed of his leprosy... But God revealed Himself in a simple way... He only asked him to wash in the Jordan... Jesus did the same with the ten men in the Gospel He simply said, **Go...**

Only after Naaman obeyed with humility and faith was he healed, **and his heart transformed...**

So, it is with our faith... when we trust fully, we are cleansed and made free to receive what God wants to give us...

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**GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES, FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD IN CHRIST FOR YOU**

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Here is the challenge, my dear friends... Along with faith, gratitude must always come...

Only the one who recognizes the gift returns, kneels, and gives thanks... Gratitude is not only politeness; it is the visible fruit of a living faith. It must become part of our daily life...

To recognize God in others allows us to discover His presence **in every act of love, service, and kindness...**

Every person who helps us, every action that touches our heart, is a channel through which God says... **I love you, and because I love you, I give you what you need...**

Our life fills with His presence when we learn to see the divine in our neighbor and to respond with love...

Today the task is simple, yet profound... to trust with faith, to give thanks always, and to see God in others allowing each encounter to become a sign of His love...

In this way, our life becomes a **visible testimony of God's Kingdom, and our faith is expressed through gratitude and service...**

Let us ask the Lord for the grace to have a believing, grateful, and attentive heart, so that, like the leper who returned, we may be witnesses of His love in the midst of the world...

And if you do so and truly feel it, then go in peace... **Your faith has saved you.**

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