

Wednesday, Week 1: Mark 2:5

When Jesus saw how much faith they had, he said to the crippled man, "My friend, your sins are forgiven." (CEV)

1. Jesus often commented on the importance of faith in bringing about healing. In this story, he healed the paralytic man in response to the faith of his friends. What does this truth mean to you?

2. How might you bring a friend or loved one to Jesus this week? Alternately, how might you bring the love and hope of the Christ of Christmas to someone?

3. Spend a few moments in quiet contemplation. Ask the Spirit to bring to mind someone who needs your prayers and the hope of the Advent season.



Dear God: Thank you for the Scriptures that teach you created us for one another, and that you respond to our pleas on behalf of our friends. Help me be a faithful friend today, and to fulfill your great commandment to love my neighbour as myself. Amen.