

Reading and prayer 26th August 2021

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Bethzatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.” Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

John 5:2-9a

Loving God, thank you that you care for every single one of us. You show us compassion when we don't deserve it. You pour out your blessings on us every day, in big and small ways. Help us to show that same compassion to others. Open our eyes to the needs around us and give us the strength to act. Amen.

