



Song : Women of the Gospel by Anns James, cms

Sr. Nunziata and the little leper: an example of love, care and dedication

It was a hot summer day when Sr. Nunziata met the little leper. Everyone else was running away in desperation and fear, but she took him aside, in a secluded corner, away from the dispensary. She examined those putrid sores and relieved them with her loving motherly care. When the little leper said "Thank you," a song of praise exploded in Sister Nunziata's heart: "Thank you for giving me the immense comfort of treating you." Then, with tact, she asked him if he wanted some bananas, to which she added a little salt. She gave him a medal, showed him the crucifix she wore around her neck, and moved on to the announcement: "It is the God I adore, and it is He who taught me to console those who suffer. He too has many sores and understands the agony that causes your own. The little leper listened to Sister Nunziata's words and felt comforted. Thanks to Sister Nunziata's dedication and compassion, the little leper found hope and courage to face his illness. Sister Nunziata's mission was not just about assistance, but a heroic and courageous work that indicated the style of the Gospel. The story of Sister Nunziata and the little leper is an example of how love, care, and dedication can change a person's life and bring hope and courage in a world that often seems devoid of these virtues.

"At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

Mt 9:36-38)

"Jesus could not have given me a more beautiful gift. The grace to alleviate the agony of a leper, rejected and alone! I walk happily beside the leper."

(Thought of a leprosy patient)



Sr. Nunziata Benedetti, cms

Moment of Reflection

- What is the meaning of compassion for you?
- How can you show compassion towards others in your daily life?
- What obstacles can prevent us from showing compassion?