

# Moved with Pity

Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

## READINGS

First Reading: [1 COR 12:12-14, 27-31A](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [PS 100:1B-2, 3, 4, 5](#)

Gospel: [LK 7:11-17](#)

## Homily

Jesus in our Gospel today was moved with pity for the widow whose son died and was going to be buried. Jesus knew her situation. He knew what will happen to her especially that she was a widow and now her son was dead. In a society ruled by men, she will not be able to live all by herself. Jesus having been moved with pity to the woman gave her son back to her alive. He raised the young man back to life. With this, Jesus shows God's compassion for his people.

*“As he drew near to the gate of the city,  
a man who had died was being carried out,  
the only son of his mother, and she was a widow.  
A large crowd from the city was with her.  
When the Lord saw her,  
he was moved with pity for her and said to her,  
“Do not weep.”  
He stepped forward and touched the coffin;  
at this the bearers halted,  
and he said, “Young man, I tell you, arise!”  
The dead man sat up and began to speak,  
and Jesus gave him to his mother.”*

Jesus did not just had pity on her but he was moved with pity. To be moved with pity is to feel with, be with, experience with. He felt, he experienced, he whole being was with the widow who lost her son, who lost everything she relied on to live. By showing this, Jesus reveals to us who God is, that God is compassionate with His people, that God knows and feels everything we go through life. He experiences with us all our sorrow and pains, happiness and joy, all our human experiences. He knows what we truly need even before we say it to Him. He does not want us to suffer.

There is no doubt that God is moved with pity for us. Yet, why do we not experience God's compassion? Why do we still suffer if God is doing something about it to alleviate our not-so-good situation in life? If this is who God is, then I believe the questions must not be directed to God but to us? If we answer these questions, we will be able to see that there is something about us that prevents us from experiencing God's compassion. There is no single answer to it though. All of us have our own hindrances. What is it then about you that is holding you from experiencing God's compassion? After you identifying this, pray that God may remove it so that your heart may become more open to Him.

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