

## **Fourth Sunday of Lent 2025.**

**Theme: The Goodness of God.**

**Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32**



Then he came to his senses... started recounting the good things found in his father's house, his home, that there is enough ... for all. This son saw his privileged position as son ... how good it is to belong and to experience that belongingness. He preferred to return to that goodness. It is only after reflecting on the goodness of his father that he made a sincere decision to return home.

Perhaps today we can reflect on our experience of God's goodness in our lives, immerse ourselves in the goodness of God ...

Suffering led the lost son to come to his senses. This brought him to a quiet place where he found where and how to get back. Our days are filled with activity and many voices. Moments of silence are helpful to make us see who we are, beloved daughters of God, and then long to be there... return and stay.

**Song: To learn how to speak, to obey and to see God in all things, be silent.** *Euphrasie chants no. 6*

### **Words of Euphrasie.**

Let us listen to Him...He will bring to life for us the depths of charity and the infinite treasure of His love, which cares for each one with an infinite tenderness and ineffable kindness, from all eternity and for all eternity... There(in the sanctuary of his heart) he will keep you gathered together and united so as to live His life and to become one with him and with the father in the Spirit.

*Extract from Euphrasie's letter to all the professed Mothers, Sisters and Novices, on the feast of the sacred heart, 20<sup>th</sup> June 1879.*

### **For Reflection.**

What brings us to moments of deep silence where we can experience the goodness of our God?

Upon returning home the lost son was bathed and held in the loving arms of his father, celebrated and enjoyed the goodness and mercy of his father. This is God's invitation for each of us.

## Song: The Goodness of God by Cece Winans. CeCe Winans

I love You, Lord  
For Your mercy never fails me  
All my days, I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

'Cause all my life You have been faithful  
And all my life you have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night You are close like no other  
I've known You as a Father  
I've known You as a Friend  
And I have lived in the goodness of God, yeah

'Cause all my life You have been faithful, oh yes  
You have  
And all my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after, it's running  
after me  
Your goodness is running after, it's running  
after me  
With my life laid down, I surrendered now

I give You everything, oh Lord  
Your goodness is running after, it's running  
after me  
Your goodness is running after, it's running  
after me (oh yeah, oh yeah)  
Your goodness is running after, it's running  
after me  
With my life laid down, I surrendered now  
I give You everything  
Your goodness is running after, it keeps  
running after me

And all my life You have been faithful  
And all my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God  
I'm gonna sing

All my life You have been faithful  
(All of my life You've been faithful)  
All my life You have been so, so good  
(So good with every breath)  
every breath that I am able  
(Every breath I'm able)  
I will sing (I'm gonna sing)  
Of the goodness (of the goodness of God, yes I  
am)  
I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God  
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God

*Source: LyricFind*

### Prayer.

Creator God, You Are goodness itself, you constantly draw us to yourself; to experience your love and mercy. We come to you with open hearts, offering you our love and worship. Receive us as we are and grant the grace to follow you faithfully every day of our life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen