

Today's readings are a wakeup call: put our trust in God!

Jeremiah in the first reading is straightforward: Do not put your trust in the stuff of life, but in God.

Luke's Beatitudes are a little more mysterious. It takes time to reflect on these statements. Those who are empty have plenty of room for God. And so I ask myself: In my emptiness, do I know my need of God? Am I in touch with my hungers, my griefs and losses, my disappointments? Where do I go with these? Do I invite God in? Do I trust that God will be with me, even when all seems lost?

And when all is going well and I think I have it altogether, do I know my need of God? Do I invite God in? Do I trust God to lead me where I need to go, and not where I want to go?

The Beatitudes in Luke are addressed to the disciples, to those who are already following Jesus, who already have a relationship with him. The call to us disciples today is to go deeper, to follow more intentionally, to stay focused on Jesus, who is the way of true happiness and blessing.

Let us pray then that we might know our need for God each and every day.