

Reflection for 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.

\*\*Deuteronomy 30: 10 - 14.

\*\*Psalm 19: 8 - 11.

\*\*Colossians 1: 15 - 20.

\*\* Luke 10: 25 -37.

My dear friends in Christ, the phrase "Good Samaritan" has become a proverbial story as it is often quoted as a model for those who would extend a helping hand to others in need.

It is important to note that Our Lord Jesus Christ, during the course of the story shifts the focus from the initial question asked by the lawyer: "Who is my neighbor?"

The answer of Jesus would be: "How can I be a neighbor to those in need?"

This in fact, is the essence of the entire teaching of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

"You go and do likewise," is the imperative he gives to everyone of his followers of all ages and places.

The Good Samaritan is a model for all Christians in their practice of Christian Charity.

May God give us the grace to imitate the example of the Good Samaritan.

Peace be with you all!

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