

The Fall colors are a little late this year but they sure are beautiful to behold. I love to see the flaming reds and the multicolored maples. My eye sight is still pretty good and yet I suffer from blindness. I'm not going to share with you all my blind spots but I'm going to share with you a few areas of blindness that enslave us! My hope, my prayer is that we might be healed, given true sight. "Jesus Son of David have pity on me". We really don't know how blind we are until our sight is restored.

Recall how many were blinded during the years of Hitler. As a result, 6 million Jews were killed in Nazi concentration camps.

The most horrible blindness we Americans suffer from is racism. It is still very pervasive, deeply embedded in our American culture, our American consciousness. It is a big lie, a horrible blindness. How many millions of people have died as a result of racism, how many have suffered and continue to suffer from prejudice, from racism. We need to ask Jesus to heal our blindness, "Jesus Son of David set me free."

Pope Francis tells us "My friends we cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism... in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life."

At the death of George Floyd he said, "...in praying for the repose of the soul of George Floyd and all those others who have lost their lives as a result of the sin of racism.

Our American bishops describe racism as the "original sin" of the American people. Jesus Son of David have pity on me."

Our prayer; May Jesus in His sacred word, may the Body and Blood of Jesus in this Holy Eucharist heal our blindness. My Jesus free us from this blindness, this sin of racism.