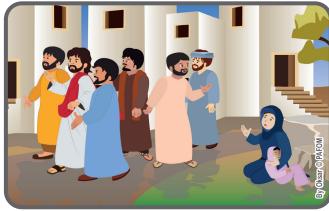


Let's ask Jesus with trust to help us

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"Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." (Mt 15:28)

(From the Liturgy of the Mass on the 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time)



Jesus was travelling with his disciples. They were going through a region far from home, where the people were strangers to them. A woman who lived there cried out in a loud voice, asking them to help her daughter who was sick.



The disciples ran ahead to Jesus who was walking very fast and they asked him to listen to this woman, because she kept following them and crying out in a loud voice behind them!



The woman trusted Jesus and so she threw herself at his feet and said: "Lord, help me!" Jesus told her: "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." In that moment her daughter got well.



Francisco lives in Brazil. He and his friends were collecting money to help the poor people. They had made little money boxes that they carried everywhere they went. That day Francisco was holding his when he went into his apartment building.



While he was in the elevator with his dad, he asked him: "Can I ask the neighbors if they want to help, too?" His father answered: "But they might not understand!" In the moment, another man got on the elevator and looked at Francisco's box with the sign, "For the poor people."



He was curious so he asked: "Why are you collecting money?" Francisco said with determination: "Because I am a Gen 4 and we Gen 4 want to help the poor people." This man didn't know the Gen 4 but he was so struck by his determination that he gave him a very nice donation. Francisco was very happy and looked at his dad who smiled at him.