

## **Reflections**

***Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it. (Mark 10:15)***

At Capernaum the disciples came to Jesus with an interesting question, "Who then is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?". Jesus took a child and said that a person who is humble like a child would be the greatest in God's kingdom. In the parallel account in Mark's gospel it says that Jesus rebuked the disciples because they prevented the little children from coming to him.

Humility is generally seen in little children. Paul specifically asks children to obey their parents in the Lord and then he goes on to remind the children the fifth commandment, which is also the commandment with a promise. If children honored their parents they would be blessed with a long life. The Psalmist says that "children are a heritage from God". In the biblical times and even today children are considered as blessings from God.

We also hear often that children are at risk. They are not only trafficked but forced to beg. Children end up with various addictions and bad habits.

It is the responsibility of every parent to ensure that their children have a risk-free, loving and caring atmosphere at home. They should also have a good education and brought up in the knowledge and fear of the Lord. We should always remember that we are stewards of children that are entrusted to our care by God.

## **Prayer**

***Father, help us to be faithful to our trust in our teaching and our prayers to our children that they may grow up in the knowledge of your love. Amen.***