

## Open my eyes and ears

### The Man Born Blind

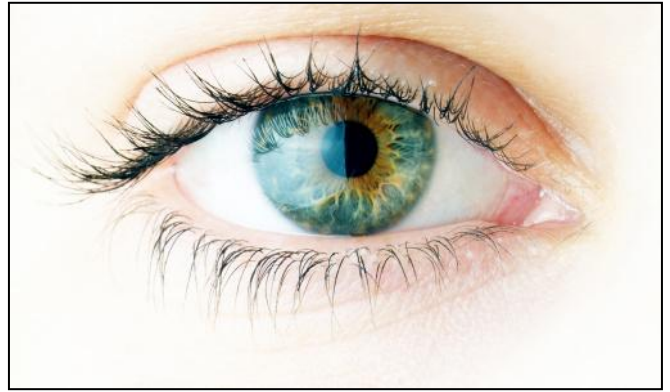
As he passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed, and came back able to see.



### *Response – in prayer*



Lord Jesus,  
I ask you to open my eyes  
as you did with the blind man  
so that I may really see.  
Tune my ears  
as you did with the man who was deaf and  
dumb, so that I may really hear  
what you are saying to me.

May the many experiences of my senses  
remind me to be aware of others  
and of all that is around me.

May all that I experience  
lead me closer to you.

Lord, we ask you to open our eyes  
that we may value and appreciate all people,  
recognising what we have in common  
rather than focusing  
on what our differences might be.

Inspire us to distinguish  
between what is important  
and what is not,  
and open our minds and hearts  
that we may always be people of good will who  
bring life and joy to others.

Amen