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Matthew 7:7-12

The Gospel reading for today from the Gospel of Matthew centers on how we get the things we need, if not all the things we want. Growing up my parents – who were really good people but, like all of us, far from perfect – made sure that my brothers, my sister and I had everything we needed. But while we did get all we needed, we didn't necessarily get everything we wanted. However, to get what we need, we can't just sit and wait for something to happen. Jesus tells us we must ask, we must seek, we must knock – and then our heavenly Father will provide.

Lent is a good time for us to reflect on getting the things we need. Yet the truth is what we need above all else, the truth is what we received when Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead. Through his sacrifice, the gates of heaven were opened and the promise of eternal life became a reality. Through the suffering, death and resurrection of his only Son, God gave to us all that we will ever need. And we didn't have to ask, seek or knock.

Reflection Questions:

God gave us the promise of eternal life without us having to ask. What are some things we need in life that we should ask God for?

How can we provide for the needs of others without them having to ask, seek or knock?

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