Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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"I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy."

2 Kings 5:6b
Father Damien and Mother Marianne, caregivers for Hansen's Disease sufferers, Kalaupapa, HI
Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean."

2 Kings 5:10
Naaman Bathing in the Jordan -- champlainé enamel, c. 1150, British Museum, London, England
To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication ... 
Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! 
O LORD, be my helper!"

Psalm 30:8, 10
Christ Healing the Ten Lepers  --  JESUS MAFA, Cameroon
Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy ...

Isaiah 66:10a
Marriage contract with a depiction of Jerusalem -- Israel Museum, Jerusalem
... that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast;

Isaiah 66:11
Madonna Lactans, or the Nursing Madonna

Hans Memling, c. 1488
A Woman Nursing Her Child

Auguste Renoir
Scottish National Gallery
Edinburgh, Scotland
As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you ... You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice ... 

Isaiah 66:13a, 14a
Mother and Child
Elizabeth Catlett
Museum of Modern Art
New York, NY
"All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."

Psalm 66:4
Quiver Tree Forest near Keetmanshoop, Namibia, in the evening
Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2
After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go.

Luke 10:1
He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

Luke 10:2
Patrobulus, Hermas, Linus, Caius, and Philologus of the 70 Disciples from the Menologion of Basil II
Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person ...

Luke 10:5-6a
A GIFT IS NOT
TRULY A GIFT IF
SOMETHING IS
EXPECTED IN RETURN,
UNLESS OF COURSE,
THE GIFT IS PEACE.
Whenever you enter a town ... cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

Luke 10:8a, 9
Helping, Sharing, Caring, Harmony, Peace – Children's Hospital

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