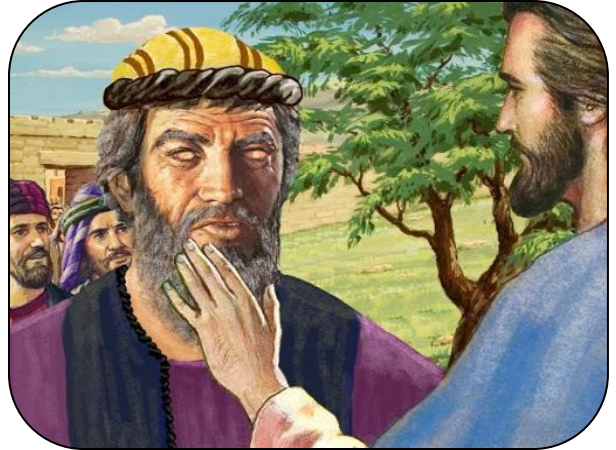


Praying with the Scriptures

Read a passage (there is a suggested passage here)
2 or 3 times until you are really familiar with it.

Blind Bartimaeus Receives His Sight: Mark 10:46-52

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me! Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, Son of David, have mercy on me! Jesus stopped and



said, Call him. So they called to the blind man, Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you. Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. What do you want me to do for you? Jesus asked him. The blind man said, Rabbi, I want to see. Go, said Jesus, your faith has healed you. Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

Then sit comfortably but remain alert, and closing your eyes allow the scene to unfold before you in your imagination.

Feel the warmth, the sand between your toes, hear the noise, be aware of the smells! Allow yourself to become part of the action, either as someone in the passage or as yourself. Watch what is happening, hear what is said, see what everyone looks like, maybe even pick up on what the atmosphere feels like as Jesus approaches. See Jesus coming along the road; how do you feel as he approaches? Hear his words "What do you want me to do for you?" reply to his question from the feelings within your own heart; spend time with him, talking and listening. Then, after a time, when you are ready, allow the scene to gently fade away and bring yourself back to the awareness of your surroundings and the people you are with.