

Daily Devotion For July 8, 2022

“Jesus said to him, ‘The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.’” Matthew 8:20

I’ve mentioned this before, but it seems like I’m seeing more and more homeless people at the MPC locker room these days. They arrive early, take showers, charge their cell phones, and then leave. Most of these individuals keep to themselves and prefer to go about their business quietly. I’m sure they must experience feelings of isolation and loneliness.

Our church also seems to be a place where people lay their heads for the night. The Union Church of Los Angeles where I served as Consulting Pastor for a year struggle’s with the issue of homelessness as they are on the border of Skid Row and many people lay their tents and sleeping bags in front of the church.

Matthew 8:20 tells us that “the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head – not even a foxhole or a bird’s nest. This Scripture is a powerful tool for breaking through to those who, isolated in life due their homelessness, also imagine they are isolated and cut off from God’s mercy, love and compassionate care.

Jesus, our merciful and compassionate Savior, not only lived among us and died for us all; he even lived as a man without a home. A wanderer with no place to lay his head.

Thought For Today and Today’s Prayer Focus: With today’s economy and high inflation, have you noticed more homeless people on the streets? What is your response? What should be our response? How can we serve those who are lonely, isolated, and in despair? What would Jesus’ response be? Take time to pray that we would do what Jesus would do. Deo Volente.