

## Reflection Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Week Advent 2022

Having ignored the Jesus' request not to tell anyone about their sight being restored by him, he did not seek them out and take back his gift. Advent is a time for us to reflect on our lives and see what response we have made to the many, many gifts and blessings given to us and resolve to be more thankful by living in his way and being people of Hope. The gift the world needs in abundance at this time. Isaiah goes on to remind us that rather than seek vengeance on those who treat others unjustly, abuse the use of their authority, mistreat and hurt people, we offer them a hope that is transformative, in the same way the Jesus transformed death into life.

The failing of the Blind men to do what Jesus asked reminds us of our own flaws.

**Maura Walsh** writes the following:

*Each of us has our own unique flaws. But, if we allow it, God can use our flaws to grace creation. In God's great economy, nothing goes to waste. So, as we seek ways to minister together, as God calls us to the tasks we're appointed to, let's not be afraid of our flaws. Acknowledge them, and let them be used to advantage, so that they, and we, can be the cause of beauty along the way. Let us go out boldly, knowing that in our weakness we find strength, and that in God, every promise is a Yes.*

"Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world." (Pope Francis)

*What would you call a deer with no eyes? No eye deer.*

***A man was being treated for his bad vision:***

*Man: are you sure this is going to work?*

*Doctor: you'll see.*