

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Look

People of faith regularly see, recognize, and appreciate God's kingdom breaking through in the most unlikely places and in the most unlikely times.

1. Tell about a time just this week that you saw God's Kingdom. What made you recognize that it was a God moment? How did it change or affect you? *(Note to leaders: this is the essence of "high" in highs and lows!)*

Book

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Jesus, teaching in parables again, describes the kingdom of heaven.

1. Which of Jesus' descriptions of the kingdom resonates most with you?
2. What common threads do you see in these parables of the kingdom?
3. What is the cost of the kingdom?

Took

Thank God for daily moments of heaven on earth, for kindness in the midst of tragedy, for healing that we recognize could only be the work of the Holy Spirit.

1. What conditions in your life make it easier for you to recognize the kingdom of heaven in action?
2. How is St. Tims a little like the parable of the mustard seed?