1 These are some of the impressive achievements of Steven Spielberg as a film director:

*Jaws* (1975),
*Close Encounters of the Third Kind* (1977),
*Raiders of the Lost Ark* (1981),
*Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom* (1984),
*Who Framed Roger Rabbit* (1988),
*Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* (1989),
*Hook* (1991),
*Jurassic Park* (1993),
*Schindler's List* (1993),
*The Lost World: Jurassic Park* (1997),

2 Which famous film is missing from that list?

3 “E.T. - the Extra-Terrestrial” was released on this day, 11th June, in 1982. E.T. is left behind on earth - alone and without a friend. His rescuer is a child, and he is sheltered and then rescued by other children. The film is seen from a child’s point of view, and all the heroes are children. The film leaves people “feeling good”.

4 The direction of these films has been a great achievement - all the more so since Steven Spielberg’s schooldays were not happy. He was called names, was ‘put down’ and laughed at, and was the last to be chosen when everyone had to play in sports teams.

5 Let us pray:

   **Lord Jesus,**
   we can read in the Gospel
   of your attitude
   towards those
   whom others looked down on.

6 Zacchaeus, the tax-collector,
   was rejected by others,
   but you called him by his name
   and ate in his house.

7 You did not condemn the woman
   who was about to be stoned
   for adultery,
   but you called her
   to change her life.

8 The woman
   who was drawing water from the well
   was there in the midday heat,
   cut off by others
   because she was a Samaritan.
   Yet she was one of the very few
   whom you told directly
   that you were the Messiah.

9 You have told us
   not to be afraid or anxious,
   and you said that the last will be first.
   You assure us
   that, as God the Father
   even takes care of sparrows,
   we are worth more
   than hundreds of sparrows.

10 We think of people
   being ‘put down’ or ‘bullied’
   and we ask you this day, Lord,
   to remind us of the respect
   that each person deserves.
   Lead us
   to be as encouraging and positive
   to others
   as we would like them to be to us.
   Amen.

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The prayer is based on:

6 - Lk 19:1-10
7 - Jn 8:1-11
8 - Jn 4:45-42
9 - Jn 14:1, Mt 20:16, Mt 28:31.

Be not afraid; Here I am, Lord
Could make use of a search engine to research this topic further.

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