

Reflection Thursday Week 3 Sts Timothy and Titus 2023

Timothy and Titus were converted to Christianity by St Paul, and became his companions and helpers. Paul entrusted Timothy with the care of the Christians in Ephesus, and sent Titus to Crete to look after the Christians there. He wrote them the so-called “pastoral” epistles, giving advice for pastors and people alike.

God’s gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control, says St Paul.

In Baptism we receive the Light of Christ in the form of a baptismal candle. The light for this candle is taken from the Easter Candle that is lit at Easter to show that Jesus has risen from the dead and has become the light of the world. We all bear that light. It is possible that Paul saw the presence of that light in Timothy and Titus and wanted to make sure the Christian community would benefit from the light of Christ that shone in and through them by making them bishops.

Jesus let me be,
a light for You;
help me to expose
the evil people do.

Let me be a voice,
to those who are lost;
help me to bring them
to the foot of the cross.

Jesus let me be,
a light of Your grace;
help me to help those
still running in the race.

Let me be an example,
of hope, love and peace;
help me to help them
the finish line to reach.

Jesus let me be,
a light just for You;
help me debunk . . .
any opposing view! Deborah Anne Belka