

Reflection Thursday Week 1 – 2024

It was as though compassion was second nature for Jesus. He could not but help people in special need both physical and spiritual. Yet, Jesus showed, by his physical healing, the power of spiritual healing able to bring new purpose, new vision and commitment to a person's life. We were also created with an innate compassion like Jesus. Despite all the bad news, compassion abounds today. It is what inspires hope for the future.

Have You Earned Your Tomorrow (Edgar A. Guest)

Is anybody happier because you passed his way?

Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?

This day is almost over, and its toiling time is through;

is there anyone to utter now a kindly word of you?

Did you give a cheerful greeting to the friend who came along?

Or a churlish sort of "Howdy" and then vanish in the throng?

Were you selfish pure and simple as you rushed along the way,

or is someone mighty grateful for a deed you did today?

Can you say tonight, in parting with the day that's slipping fast,

that you helped a single person of the many that you passed?

Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said;

does someone whose hopes were fading now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day, or lose it, was it well or sorely spent?

Did you leave a trail of kindness or a scar of discontent?

As you close your eyes in slumber do you think that God would say,

you have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today?