

Wednesday 25th

Living well, and beautifully, and justly, are all one thing. **Socrates.**

This week's readings; Psalm 29 v. 11 / Proverbs 10 v .12 / 1 Corinthians 13 v.13.

Thursday 26th.

"Storms are never counted". **Wrote John Muir**" Among the resources of a country, yet how far they go towards making brave people".

Friday 27th.

Emily Dickenson observed. "To live is so startling, it leaves but little room for other occupations".

Saturday 28th.

We are constantly being showered by blessings but we sometimes miss them because they don't always arrive in the way we expect them too. **Anon.**

Sunday 29th. **Michael and all Angels.**

Lord, make us ready to maybe recognize You in unforeseen circumstances, and to respond. Amen.

Monday 30th. **Saint Jerome. Teacher of the Faith.**

Lord of old and new, open my eyes to Your presence in everyone I see today.

ON REFLECTION

"Tell yourself today that you're valuable, your life is important and that you have something to give. Then go out and give it, and in that giving, show your friends, colleagues and neighbours how God's love is alive today, in every bit of the world we inhabit, and how joyous it is to share in it. Eddie Askew.

O God, save us from a selfish arrogance that believes we know what is best for the earth, inspire us with wisdom to care for it. Teach us to stand out of our own light so Your daylight may shine. Amen.

Sunday 1st.

Our desire to please God is our highest driving force for obeying God. **Anon.**

Monday 2nd.

Happiness naturally leads to praise, just as naturally leads to happiness. **Norman MacCraig.**

Tuesday 3rd.

Make me an instrument for God, a small focus of your healing in a warmed world.

Wednesday 4th.

Today is my concern, good news in a present tense. Not just for me Lord, although in honesty that's when my interest begins, but with those with whom I live and work and talk. **Eddie Askew.**

This week's readings; Psalm 147 v.4 / Proverbs 3 v.6 / 1 John 4. v16.

Thursday 5th.

"Between stimulus and response there is space", wrote Victor Frankl, "In that space is out power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and our freedom".

Friday 6th.

Let there be spaces in your togetherness, and let the winds of the heaven's dance between you. **Kahlil Gibran.**

Saturday 7th.

Lord of all joy, let me see the good in those I meet today. And if it's hard to find, to dig a little dipper until you do.

Sunday 8th.

Lord God, you bought us out of chaos through love, help us to find effective ways to heal deep hurts in our world. Amen.

Monday 9th.

Forth in thy name O Lord I go, my daily labour to pursue; Thee, only Thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do. **Charles Wesley.**

Tuesday 10th.

O Lord, Thou knowedst how busy I must be this day. If I forget Thee, do not forget me. **Jacob Astley. 1st Baron Astley of Reading.**

Wednesday 11th.

In midst of winter I found there was within me, an invincible summer. **Albert Camus.**

This week's readings; Psalm 27 v1 / Proverbs 11 v2/John 14 v27.

Thursday 12th.

I hope that I possess firmness and Virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man. **George Washington.**

Friday 13th.

Recipe for an ideal life, Good friends, good books and a sleepy conscience. **Mark Twain.**

Saturday 14th. Holy Cross Day.

An old English shepherd was quoted as saying. "If the Lord chooses to send rain, why then rain is my choice too!"

Sunday 15th.

Gracious God, help us to recognize our emotions and to show wisdom and sympathy in all our dealings. Amen

Monday 16th.

Lord, when life is fast and I'm getting breathless, help me to feel Your presence in the pressures. **Amen.**

Tuesday 17th.

Help me to listen more, and think, and think, before I speak, and then to think again.

Wednesday 18th.

If I feel down and sad, I'll leave to God the future, trust Him all the way, and thank Him for each precious hour He has given me this day. **Marian Cleworth.**

This week's readings; Psalm 147 v3 / Isaiah 45 v2 / John 4 v16.

Thursday 19th.

In the Kingdom of hope there is no winter.

Friday 20th.

Time is so precious I mustn't waste any amount. I shan't count the days any longer, instead, I'll make every day count. **Emma Canning.**

Saturday 21st. Matthew. Apostle and Evangelist.

Lord, take the little I can give. At times I hesitate to offer it out, all my talent seems so small. But if my loaves and fish can be of use, I offer them with joy. Please take them; and in Your creative love, transform them and me. **Eddie Askew**

Sunday 22nd.

Father, we give you thanks for people whose steady years of hard work we may never notice, but none the less benefit from. **Amen.**

Monday 23rd.

Sometimes Lord, often I don't know what to say to you, but I still come, in quiet, for the comfort of two friends sitting in silence. **Eddie Askew.**

Tuesday 24th.

Start by doing what is necessary; then do what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible. **Francis of Assisi.**