



Spring Into Action | March 15-April 15

Let us remember that we are in the Holy Presence of God.

Opening Prayer

Lord God we are grateful for our sphere of service and the understanding of the need for action on behalf of justice. Help us to open our hearts, our ears, and our minds as we enter into this space.

As we conclude Spring into Action, we are grateful for our call to serve others. The following readings invite us to further reflect on how we are called to serve our neighbors and the most vulnerable.

Reading

Luke 10:25-37

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

My Sphere of Service

Collection of Lasallian Prayers, 1980

I am grateful, my loving God,
for my sphere of service,
for a place to put my feet,
for wheels to shoulder and burdens to carry
and loves to touch
in the course of my daily duties.
May I be sensitive to your leading
and to the hurts and needs of people around me.
I step into this day as your message and servant.
Help me to be bold, yet full of understanding,
steeped in convictions of others,
willing to proclaim but just as willing to listen,
and ready always to reach out
to someone who is lost and lonely.
And while I am a servant may I be a student as well,
willing to learn and to grow
in my understanding of life
and your purposes in the world about me.
For my Saviour's sake. Amen. (L. Brandt)

Reflection

The Prophetic Stance of Association for Mission
Brother Alvaro Rodriguez Echeverria, FSC, 2010

We have the privilege of having been born for the poor. Hence, the reality of our present society cannot leave us indifferent when we know, for example, that every three seconds, somewhere on our planet, a child dies. We cannot close our eyes to the fact that today, they have begun to refer to the so-called lost generation, when referring to the jobless youth. We cannot look on with indifference when we see immigration laws becoming tougher and on many occasions, ignoring some basic human rights. Nor can we remain indifferent when we learn that hunger is increasing in the world and that wars and terrorism continue to create victims and that the numbers of the excluded are increasing. Nor can we just pass by and slip through the sidelines in the face of so many young people who find no meaning in their lives and who live in loneliness. Our association should make us creative about finding answers to the needs of the young who are poor.

Intercessions

Lord you have taught us to live and to love. You taught us how to serve one another as You served, not counting the cost but being available to all. Lord we ask that you...

Take our feet where they need to go, we pray ... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give us hands that readily reach out to others, we pray ... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give us ears to hear the silent cries of another, we pray ... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give us eyes to see their needs, we pray ... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give us hearts to reach them, we pray ... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Closing Prayer

God of mercy, unite your Church in the Holy Spirit that we may serve you with all our hearts and work together with unselfish love. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Saint John Baptist de La Salle ... **Pray for us.**

Live Jesus in our hearts ... **Forever!**