

Saturday 27th.

Spanish poet **Antonio Machado** reminds us “Traveler, there is no path. The path is made by walking.”

Sunday 28th. Simon and Jude. Apostles.

Clocks go back.

Lord, help us to remember that you might make us important to somebody today. Amen.

Monday 29th.

Faith is like an empty box, it remains empty unless you put more in than you take out.

Tuesday 30th.

My flesh is frail and weak, if I therefore at any time forget Thee, touch my heart, O Lord, that I may again remember Thee.

Queen Elizabeth I.

Wednesday 31st.

“One of the deep secrets of life,” **Lewis Carroll wrote**, “Is that all that is really worth the doing is what we do for others.”

This week’s readings; Psalm 112 v.6/Proverbs 19 v.22/Hebrews 13 v.16.

Lord, by the work of our hands, by the gentleness of our thoughts and the power of our prayers, may seeds of hope grow to peace in hearts and lives. Amen.

ON REFLECTION.

Lord, it’s good to know you are with me, in all the strains that life brings. In disappointments and difficulties let me feel your presence. And, Lord, help me share this with others. Make my presence with them your presence. May your Spirit in me encourage and strengthen. And as I recognize Jesus walking beside me, may others see something of him in me. Lord, thank you, because you are always here. Eddie Askew.

Lord, none of us ever find success by ourselves. Thank you for the friends, the family and strangers too, who have helped us along the way. May we be available to help others we meet this month. Amen.

Monday 1st.

“Two men looked through the same prison bars. One sees mud, the other stars.”

Frederick Langbridge.

Tuesday 2nd.

“What deed have you done today to make you feel proud or at peace with yourself?”

Wednesday 3rd.

Uplifting words by Thomas Bailey Aldrich. “To keep the heart unwrinkled, to be hopeful, kindly, cheerful, reverent, that is to triumph over old age.”

This week’s readings; Psalm 46 v.10/Proverbs 1 v.7/1 Corinthians 13 v.1.

Thursday 4th.

We are closer to God in the darkness, stumbling along blindly. **Madeleine L’Engle.**

Friday 5th.

“Give us the true courage that shows itself in gentleness, the true wisdom that shows itself in simplicity, and the true power that shows itself in modesty.” **Charles Kingsley**

Saturday 6th.

“You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing that you think you cannot do.”

Eleanor Roosevelt

Sunday 7th.

Lord, help us to understand that however gifted or full of faith and hope we are, what matters most is how loving and charitable we are to other people. Amen.

Monday 8th.

“Most merciful Redeemer, Friend, Brother, may we know You more clearly, Love You more dearly, and follow You more nearly day by day.” **Richard of Chichester.**

Tuesday 9th.

Jesus, Name above all names, beautiful Saviour, glorious Lord; Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word. **Graham Kendrick.**

Wednesday 10th.

“**Mudita**” is the **Sanskrit** word for taking pleasure in the good fortune of others, even if there’s nothing in it for you. What a lovely concept?

This week’s readings; Psalm 121 v.3 / Job 1 v.21 / Colossians 2 v.7

Thursday 11th.

“Rivers know this: there is no hurry. We shall get there some day.” **A. A. Milne.**

Friday 12th.

A little gift to please a friend and give them a surprise, don’t miss on opportunity, as time so quickly flies. **Iris Hesselden.**

Saturday 13th.

I like weird people, the black sheep, the odd ducks, the rejects, the eccentrics, the lonely, the lost and forgotten. More often than not, these people have the most beautiful souls. **Anon.**

Sunday 14th. Harvest.

Lord, on Your gifts we feed: Show us each the other’s needs; give us the love to share in our deeds and our prayers. Amen.

Monday 15th.

“Praise God for the harvest time, sing till bells in heaven chime! Sing of His love revealed, fruit of the earth and ocean’s yield. **Paul Wigmore.**

Tuesday 16th.

“Reading the Bible without reflecting upon it, is like eating without chewing, or drinking without tasting.” **Anon.**

Wednesday 17th.

Words by Jon Kabat-Zian. “You can’t stop waves, but you can learn to surf.”

This week’s readings; Psalm 138 v.8/Proverbs 13 v.12/Luke 1 v.46-

Thursday 18th. Luke the Evangelist.

My soul magnifies the Lord and my Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for He has looked with favour on the lowliness of His servants.

Friday 19th.

“A well composed book is a magic carpet on which we are wafted to a world that we cannot enter any other way.” **Caroline Gordon.** Can you think of such a book?

Saturday 20th.

Let nature work its magic. Breathe deeply, naturally; and feel the power of silence: Just sit and simply be. **Emma Canning.**

Sunday 21st.

Father, help us to understand You in a new way, and to see Your glory today in everyday things. **Amen.**

Monday 22nd.

“Your hand has been over me and has guarded and preserved me.” **Dietrich Bonhoeffer.**

Tuesday 23rd.

Had Mary been filled with reason, there’d have been no room for the Child. **Madeleine L’Engle.**

Wednesday 24th.

The Bible without the Holy Spirit is a sundial by moonlight. **Dwight L. Moody.**

This week’s readings; Psalm 20 v.1/Proverbs 14 v.27/ Matthew 5 v.3-4.

Thursday 25th.

God, gives blessings to us in order that we give glory to Him.

Friday 26th.

Next time you come down with a bump, don’t despair, you might be developing a valuable skill!