

## Prayer Reflection

### AFFILIATE PRAYER

**Lord, Jesus Christ,  
Truly you are the Good Samaritan,  
The Divine Neighbor,  
Who has stopped by the side of the road,  
To soothe the wounds of our suffering, our  
weakness, our sin.**

**You call us to be neighbors to one another,  
Especially to those most in need of our love and  
care.**

**Today I join my prayers, my sacrifices, all that is worthy in these waking  
hours,**

**With the compassionate work of Catholic Charities.**

**May those charged with ministering on its behalf see themselves as the loving  
eyes and heart and hands of Christ.**

**And may they find, in the persons they serve, the eyes of Christ returning  
their gaze.**

**Teach us, O Lord, each day,**

**To search life's roadsides and ditches,**

**For the fallen, the weary, the wounded, the lonely, the poor.**

**May we not "pass by on the other side", but, like the Good Samaritan, stoop  
to help, to heal, to carry the person to an inn of hope.**

**May this desire burn in the hearts of all who embrace the work of Catholic  
Charities.**

**To their hearts, I, in this moment and in this day, join my own.**

**Amen**

By baptism, we are re-born, adopted into the divine life by the power of Christ's death and resurrection in sanctifying grace. Our interior consciousness opens into the Presence of the Holy Trinity. Our memory, understanding and will share in the divine life through the virtues of faith, hope and love.

From the Old Testament into the New Covenant, God who revealed Himself has called people to seek His Presence and to dwell with God in light and love. "How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! My soul longs, yea, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God" (Psalm 84.1-2).

"I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you....If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. (John 14. 18-21, 23).

