

Resources and Reflections

for the week of July 12th

THE POWER OF MEMORY

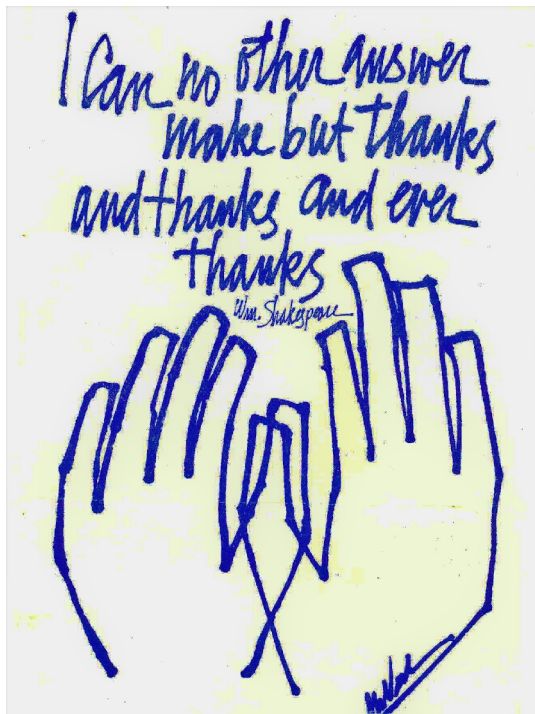
“In memory we are able to be in touch with each other's spirit, with that reality in each other which enables an always deepening communication. As Jesus reminded his disciples of the Father, so the disciples reminded each other and their followers of Jesus.

“In the memory of Jesus they speak, preach, witness, and break bread.

In memory of Jesus they find the strength to live through tribulations and persecutions.

In short, it is the memory of Jesus that guides them and offers them hope and confidence....

Henri J. M. Nouwen



A PRAYER FOR MEMORY AND HOPE

O God, in your graciousness,
you give both memory & hope;
memory that we might reflect upon our life;
hope that life may go on in the context of your love.

Help us to activate both memory and hope
in a helpful and authentic fashion.

Keep us from camping out half-way to the goal.
Enliven in us the working of your Holy Spirit;
for we pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

“Community is like a large mosaic. Each little piece seems so insignificant. One piece is bright red, another cold blue or dull green, another warm purple, another sharp yellow, another shining gold. Some look precious, others look ordinary. Some look gaudy, others delicate. As individual stones, we can do little with them except compare them and judge their beauty and value.

“When, however, all these little stones are brought together in one big mosaic portraying the face of Christ, who would ever question the importance of any one of them? If one of them, even the least spectacular one, is missing, the face is incomplete. Together in the one mosaic, each little stone is indispensable and makes a unique contribution to the glory of God.

“That’s community, a fellowship of people who gather to make God visible in the world.”

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A WEEK OF SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday - **6th Sunday after Pentecost** **July 12th**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 119:105-112
An Epistle Reading: Romans 8:1-11
The Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Monday - **July 13**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 5
The Gospel Reading: Mark 1:29-45

Tuesday - **July 14**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 42
The Gospel Reading: Mark 2:1-12

Wednesday - **July 15**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 89:1-18
The Gospel Reading: Mark 2:13-22

Thursday - **July 16**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 97
The Gospel Reading: Mark 2:23 - 3:6

Friday - **July 17**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 51
A Gospel Reading: Mark 3:7-19a

Saturday - **July 18**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 104
A Gospel Reading: Mark 3:19b-35

Sunday - **7th Sunday after Pentecost** **July 19th**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
An Epistle Reading: Romans 8:12-25
The Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43



*If the mail is slow,
We provide you with
a start on the new week.*

HEAL OUR LAND

It's not so much that we've forgotten,
But that we remember and are cold.
And pay too little mind to the voice of God.
Still we dare to be so bold.

Hear our prayer, oh, hear our prayer.
Hear our prayer, O Lord, and heal our land.

And may it be that we've not wandered
Too far away to be redeemed,
To turn a spark into a flame again
And live this truth that we believe.

Hear our prayer, oh, hear our prayer.
Hear our prayer, O Lord, and heal our land.

At times I have denied it,
At times I've justified it,
To be the master of my fate.
But we will not relive
What we've let you forgive.
Find us falling on your mercy.
Find us falling on your grace.

Hear our prayer, oh, hear our prayer.
Hear our prayer, O Lord, and heal our land.



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