

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord,

Make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon.

Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is despair, hope.

Where there is darkness, light.

Where there is sadness, JOY.

Amen.

Welcoming the Stranger: Rebuilding the Human Soul



"When did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you anything to drink? Or a stranger and help you? Or naked and clothe you? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?"
... "When you did it to these least of my brothers, you were doing it to me."
Matthew 25: 37-40

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Reflections

Our theology is a theology of Reconciliation. The Prodigal son, the Good thief, and Peter, after denying Jesus wanted mercy and forgiveness. We don't think of this when we judge our brothers and sisters who are on the nightly news.

Luke 15: 18-24

"...So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, have sinned against heaven and before you; I am not longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get a fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'

Luke 22: 34; 56-57; John 17

"Jesus said, 'I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.' ..." This man was also with him." But he denied it, saying "Woman, I do not know him."... Simon, son of John, do you love me." Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And [Simon Peter] said to him, 'Lord you know everything; you know that I love you. ... Feed my sheep."

Luke 23:34

"Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

Luke 23: 42-43

"The [the good thief] said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.'"