

Reflections on Service

Beloved sisters and brothers in Christ,

I greet you with peace and gratitude, praying that these words find you in a moment of stillness—a sacred pause amid the swift currents of life. I write to encourage you and remind you of the immeasurable strength that springs from faith and the generosity of spirit that shapes a life well-lived.

In community, we find strength. Surround yourself with those who cherish service and seek kindness. Join hands in prayer and action, knowing that together we can bear burdens and sow hope. I encourage you to move forward with courage and generosity.

In a world that so often rewards self-promotion and insists upon personal ambition, this message stands as a rebuke—a whisper from the heart of God, encouraging us to transcend the boundaries of the self and embrace service to others. There is a passage, cherished in my heart and illuminated in scripture, that reads: ***“Let each of you look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.”*** (Philippians 2:4).

The world may try to convince us that our worth is found in what we possess or achieve, but the truth is far richer. Our legacy is written in love—in the lives we touch, the wounds we heal, the hope we kindle. When we dare to look beyond ourselves, we discover a joy that the world cannot offer—a joy rooted in faith and in the eternal embrace of God.

Let us remember that looking to the interests of others does not require perfection. We may feel inadequate, unsure of what to say or do. But grace is most visible in our weakness, and God delights in our willingness more than our expertise. The heart that desires to bless another is already aligned with the divine. Trust that your kindness plants a seed that will flourish in time. When we lift our gaze from the narrow path of self-concern, we behold the immense tapestry of humanity—each thread representing a story, a struggle, a hope, and a prayer.

“Let each of you look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.” May this wisdom guide your choices, shape your relationships, and inspire your dreams. When you feel weary, remember that your labor in love is never in vain.

In prayer let us echo- *O God, grant us eyes to see the needs around us, hearts open to compassion, and hands ready to serve.* May you be blessed and strengthened for the work ahead, and may you be filled with peace, purpose, and unshakeable joy.

With faith and abiding hope,