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And Jesus said, "Go and do the same."

Luke 10:37

A Good Samaritan's Prayer

Lord, you placed your image deep within us; there is no reason to search skies or to fathom seas to find you. You are never remote; your presence, not ever mysterious. You live within me, under our skin. You live within us all.

Expand the limits of our hearts so that we can know you in all others.

Help us to be your presence to your poor ones and those in need: those who are lonely, depressed, addicted or hurting; those in the grip of fear, or who are neglected or abused.

Help us see your face in those broken down by war or violence, immigrants, prisoners, and those unserved by justice; the starving and the misunderstood.

Let us reach out to those whom society beats and pushes to the side of the road. Let us stoop to care for those seen by others as unholy or unclean, despised because of anger, resentment or prejudice.

And bless us with those who will reach out in care for us when we feel buffeted, broken and exposed.

You, Lord, live within us all, under our skin. Help us recognize your holy image in everyone, that each of us may be filled with care, compassion, concern, civility and love.