

Hands Prayer



- Reader 1: Christ has no Body now but yours;
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which he looks
compassion on the world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.*
- Reader 2: It helps, now and then, to step back
and take the long view.
The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts;
it is even beyond our vision.*
- Reader 3: We accomplish in our lifetime
only a fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.
Nothing we do is complete,
which is another way of saying
that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.*
- Reader 4: No Statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith.
No confession brings perfection.
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.
No program accomplishes all of the Church's mission.
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.*
- Reader 5: This is what we are about.
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted
knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.*
- Reader 6: We cannot do everything
and there is a sense of liberation in realising that.
This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.
It may be incomplete but it is a beginning,
a step along the way:
an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.*
- Reader 7: We may never see the end results,
but that is the difference between
the master builder and the worker.*
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