

## Daily Prayer

May 28

## Reading:

"The people I love best jump into work head first, Without dallying in the shallows....They seem to be natives of that element.

I love people who harness themselves, as an ox to a heavy cart, Who pull like water buffalo, with massive patience. Who strain in the mud and the muck to move things forward, Who do what has to be done again and again.

I want to be with people who submerge in the task, who go into the fields to harvest. The work of the world is common as mud. Botched, it smears the hands, crumbles to dust. But the thing worth doing well done has a shape that satisfies, clean and evident.

(Vessels) were made to be used. The pitcher cries for water to carry and a person for work that is real."

"To be of use"—Marge Piercy, poet (1936--) (selections)

## Prayer:

O God, give me work to do, even if I am older and retired, give me something to give meaning and purpose to my days. But also give me deep appreciation for those who do essential work all around me each day, not asking for recognition, humble in their tasks and honest in their effort. Let me find a way today to be thankful: for things I can do and for those whose work helps me. Amen

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