

Well Said ...

Will you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on the journey,
We are brothers on the road,
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
We shall find such harmony
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

--Richard Gillard

Almighty God our heavenly Father, you declare your glory
and show forth your handiwork in the heavens and in the
earth: Deliver us, in our various occupations, from the service
of self alone, that we may do the work you give us to do in
truth and beauty and for the common good; for the sake of
him who came among us as one who serves, your Son Jesus
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

--The Book of Common Prayer

Do not imagine that if you meet a really humble man he will be what most people call "humble" nowadays: he will not be a sort of greasy, smarmy person, who is always telling you that, of course, he is nobody. Probably all you will think about him is that he seemed a cheerful,

intelligent chap who took a real interest in what you said to him. If you do dislike him it will be because you feel a little envious of anyone who seems to enjoy life so easily. He will not be thinking about humility: he will not be thinking about himself at all.

--C.S. Lewis, "Mere Christianity"

It is difficult for Christians to distinguish between 1) our work for God and 2) God. We are tempted to think that if our work advances, then the glory of God advances as well. Therefore we will sometimes do almost anything to keep our work from failing. But the moment we do "absolutely anything" to keep our work from failing, we have made our work into God, and, perhaps without realizing it, we have worshiped Satan, whose mission is to split people from God.

--Frederick D. Bruner, "Matthew: A Commentary, Volume 1"

They came first for the Communists, and I didn't
speak up because I wasn't a
Communist. Then they came for
The Jews, and I didn't speak up
Because I wasn't a Jew. Then
they came for the trade unionists, and
I didn't speak up because I wasn't a
trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, and
I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant.
Then they came for me, and by that time
no one was left to speak up.

--Martin Niemöller