



REFLECTION Madeleine L'Engle from *Glimpses of Grace*, pg. 32
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A young friend told me of an East Indian Christian who had suggested to her that we are not called to be Christians; we are called to be Christs. I find this both challenging and freeing when I am confused by all the things which Christians are doing all over the planet, in the name of Christ, which seem incompatible with all that Jesus taught. I distrust the word *Christian* as an adjective; it has become less an adjective than a label, separating those who call themselves Christian from the rest of the world. How can those who would follow Christ assume that they are more beloved of the Creator than any other part of his creation, when God created *everything*, and saw that it was good? And if God created man in his own image, male and female, than all, *all* of humankind is part of that image, known or unknown, served or betrayed, accepted or denied. God loves every man, sings the psalmist. Perhaps it is more blessed to be aware of our part in the Image than not, but Jesus made it very clear that sometimes it is those who are least aware of it who serve the image best. It is truer to that image to be like the publican, aware of his unworthiness, than like the pharisee who was puffed up with the pride of his own virtue; it is truer to the image to say, "Lord, I believe; help thou my unbelief," than to dismiss the crucifixion by saying, "It is good for one man to die for the sake of the nation."



CLOSING PRAYER
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O God, let us all resolve:
First, to attain the grace of silence;
Second, to deem all fault-finding that does no good a sin;
Third, to practice the grace and virute of praise.
Amen.

—Harriet Beecher Stowe
Quoted in *Prayers for Healing*, page 240

BLESSING

May peace be with you in heart and mind and body. May you experience Grace and Healing Love. May you be lifted as Life opens windows through which the Eternal sends Light. Amen.

—Annabelle Woodard
Quoted in *Prayers for Healing*, page 242



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2. Deliver the afflicted, pity the lowly, raise the fallen, reveal yourself to the needy, heal the sick, and bring home your wandering people.
3. Feed the hungry, ransom the captive, support the weak, comfort the faint-hearted.
4. Let all the nations of the earth know that you alone are God, that Jesus Christ is your child and that we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.

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