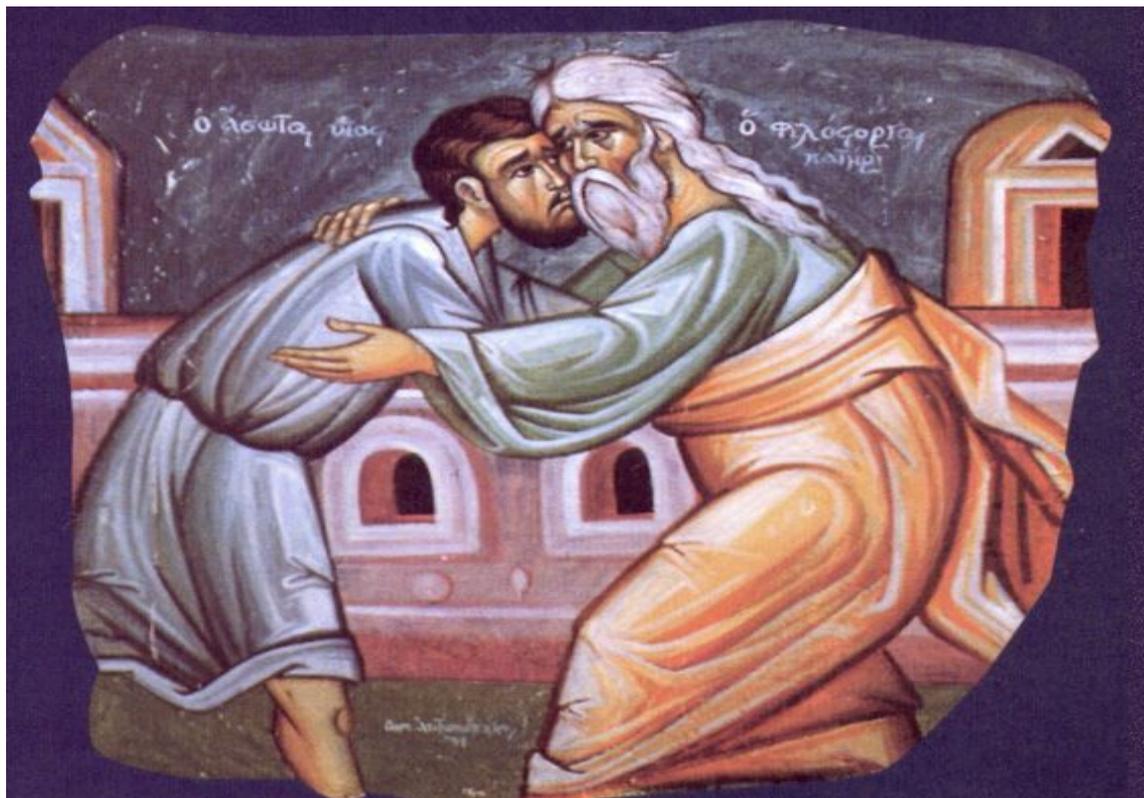


# Theme: Merciful like the Father



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- ★ Hymn of the Week: 'Mercy'
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# Monday, 24th April



Maya Angelou once said...



"I'VE LEARNED THAT PEOPLE WILL FORGET WHAT YOU SAID,  
PEOPLE WILL FORGET WHAT YOU DID, BUT PEOPLE WILL NEVER  
FORGET HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL."

Let us take some time this morning to ask ourselves what people might "see", "hear" and "feel" when they meet us. Let's pause in silence for a moment, reflecting on the questions below and think of the impact we have on others...

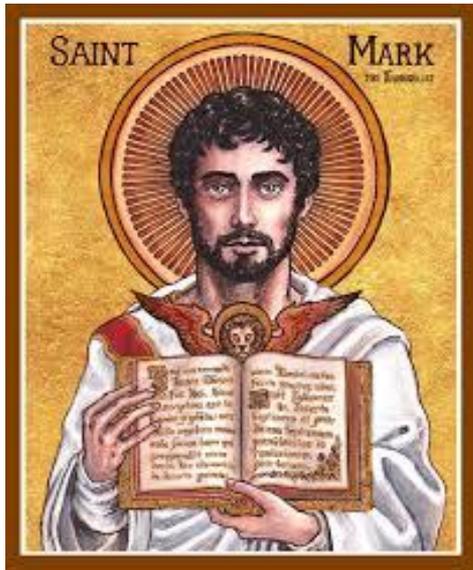
- ★ **When people walk away from me how do they feel?**
- ★ **Am I happy with how I make others feel?**
- ★ **Could I change?**

Loving Lord, we need the power of your Spirit in our lives to build on what is good, and to help change what needs to be changed. Help us to always make a positive impact on those we meet. Amen

# Tuesday, 25th April



Today is the Feast of St. Mark, one of the writers of the four Gospels. His account of the life of Jesus is very direct and includes some things that don't appear in the other Gospels. One example of this is in [Mark 6: 30-32](#) (click on ref for the story).



Nowhere else does Jesus invite his followers to come away and have some rest and it shows a very human and caring side to him. If we have been working really hard, it is a good idea, from time to time, to stop and allow God to speak to us in the peace and tranquillity.

*O God , In our busy lives, may we make time to be with you, to listen to you, and to make space for you to work in our lives. Amen.*

# Wednesday, 26th April



Jesus tells us, in the Gospels:

"DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED, TRUST  
IN GOD STILL, AND TRUST IN ME."

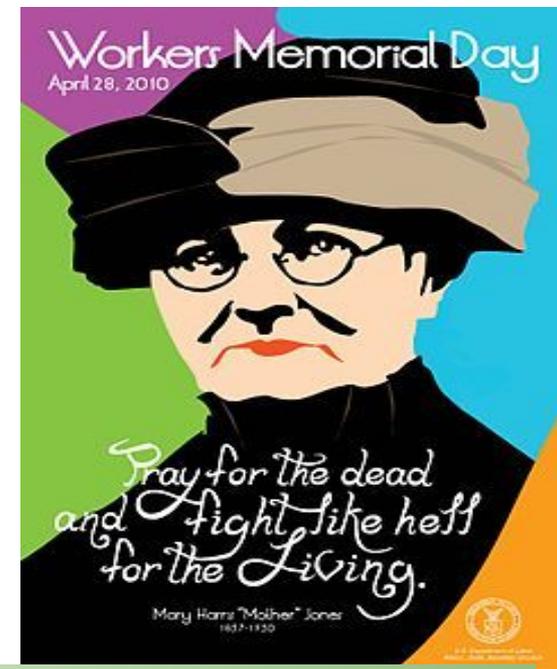
Sometimes the difficulties we encounter in life can seem overwhelming and we can feel very lonely at those times. Having friends around us can help a lot and Jesus reminds us that he is a constant, loving presence in our lives.

**O God, let us never forget that you love us and care for us. May we trust that your presence in our lives will bring us hope and comfort. Amen.**

# Thursday, 27th April



Workers' Memorial Day or World Day for Safety and Health at Work, takes place annually around the world tomorrow on April 28. It is an international day of remembrance and action for workers killed, disabled, injured or made unwell by their work. The slogan for the day is



***'Remember the dead – Fight for the living.'***

There are many people who do dangerous jobs to make our lives easier. There are also many people around the world working in conditions that are needlessly dangerous to their health. Let us remember these people today.

**We pray for the workers who have died due to unsafe conditions in the workplace, especially police officers and firefighters and those who put their lives on the line for us. Amen**



# PRAYER BEFORE LUNCH

Generous God,  
we come to thank you for the food we  
are about to eat. May we never take your  
gifts for granted and never forget those  
who are hungry.

Amen.



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# PRAYER FOR THE END OF THE DAY



Give me this night, O Father, the peace of mind which is truly rest. Help me to be at peace with myself at peace with my fellow human beings at peace with you.

Amen.

