

Prayer Poems

Poetic Reflections for Sundays and Feastsdays
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Rejection at Nazareth

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“A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.” (Mark 6:4b)

Prayer Poem for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Why is there rejection in Jesus’ “home town?”

There are probable causes for his and our own rejections.
Rejection finds no boundaries.

Perhaps: race, fear, prejudice, pride, culture, religion,
opinions, ideas, favoritism and on and on and on.

As followers of the Way, we are in good company!

“He came what was his own, but his own people did not accept him.” (Jn 1:11)
“For they had said, ‘He has an unclean spirit.’” (Mk 4:30)
“They rose up, drove him out of town, and led him to the brow of the hill...
to hurl him down headlong.” (Lk 4:29)

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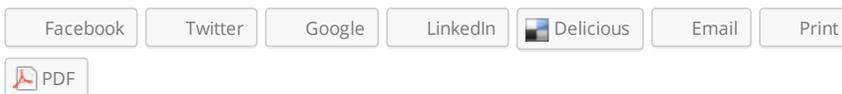
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“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Mt 27:46b)

For Reflection and Sharing:

1. When do you feel rejected?
2. Which of the probable causes of rejection is most prevalent in our century?
3. What gift of the Holy Spirit can you pray for to bring about unity and acceptance of one another, rather than rejection?

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Anitra July 7, 2012 at 12:47 pm



Dear Juliemarie;

This poem hit me- we are so often rejected by people for one reason or another- many of them false or skewed reasons. I cling to God's total love for us all in those occasions! I hope you are well and healthy!
Love And prayers Anitra

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dion July 10, 2012 at 7:58 am



Julie,
Your reflection is strong and challenging. I was struck by your incisive comment: Rejection finds no boundaries. I think one of the reasons we fall into this kind of thinking and acting is because we tend to see differences rather than likenesses. Christ calls us to oneness...always “we are one.” Thank you for sharing your prayerful insights.

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Sr Juliemarie McDonald July 10, 2012 at 10:29 am



Thanks, Dion.

Another thought I had was how this accumulation rejection ideas build up from birth into a family, then schools and teachers, then workplace and back home again. How vital are our first teachers!How important the aspect of thinking on our own and discerning etc., etc.

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