

# Prayer Poems

Poetic Reflections for Sundays and Feastsdays  
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## Hypocrites

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### Hypocrites

Flattery got them nowhere.  
Though the Pharisees honored Jesus with their words,  
their hearts were closed to his words of wisdom.

You are a truthful man.  
You teach truth.  
You are not concerned about other’s opinions.  
You find no meaning in the *status-quo*.

Beware of false flattery.  
Like Jesus, discern righteous hypocrisy.  
See those who are out to get something for themselves. Flattery is their tool.  
They are smooth talkers.  
Beware of false flattery.

## About Sr. Juliemarie McDonald, SND

Sister Juliemarie McDonald joined the Sisters of Notre Dame of Chardon, Ohio in 1951. She holds an MA in English Studies from John Carroll University MA in Scripture from St. Charles Seminary. After 32 years of teaching classes ranging from first grade to college level, she then became a researcher, campus minister, director of religious education and a pastoral minister in Mease Hospital in Dunedin, Florida. In her semi-retirement, Sister Juliemarie writes reflections and faith sharing sessions for the young sisters in formation in Africa, Philippines, Korea, India and the USA. Her spare time is spent as a crafter.



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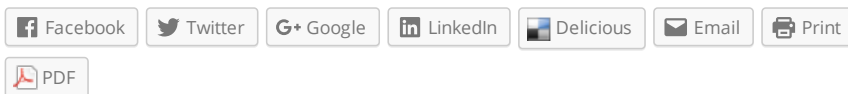
Fake flattery may entrap your gullible ego.  
Rather, give to the Lord true glory and honor.

**“Sing to the Lord, all you lands. Tell his glory among the nations, among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.” (Psalms 96: 7b)**

### For Reflection and Sharing:

1. What lies behind flattery?
2. What are the traits of a hypocrite?
3. Name some of the entrapments of our century.
4. What makes a person gullible?
5. When do you pray for discernment?
6. Do you pretend to be someone you're not?
7. When do you give glory and honor to God?

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**Kathleen** October 18, 2014 at 4:03 pm



Thanks Julie. It was a great, clear reminder. We all need it.

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**Sr. Juliemarie McDonald, SND** October 20, 2014 at 10:34 am



Glad it brought back a needed reminder. I think you also find some deep reflection on the one for this week called "Revisiting The Peace Prayer." Happy reflecting. Sr. Juliemarie

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