

Daily Reflection

March 31, 2020

Today is the Feast Day of John Dunne, Anglican priest and poet:

<https://www.missionstclare.com/english/March/whole/morning/31m.html>

He is author of these oft-quoted lines:

"No man is an island, entire of itself; ...

any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee." (*Meditation XVII*)

The coronavirus is reminding us of our connection in positive and frightening ways. We miss one another's company. A random touch or errant cough can affect (infect) others, changing or ending lives. Is it time to focus on making faith, hope and love equally contagious?

Many are trying to do just that with acts of generosity and kindness. But, good intentions don't always generate desired results. In today's Old Testament lesson, Moses is crestfallen when his first visit with the pharaoh causes more hardship instead of less for his people.

The words of Psalm 122 are a timely reminder that we have a better place to put our trust than our own good intentions:

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
² My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
³ He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Dunne spoke of more than our impact on each other.
He spoke of our inherent union in the heart of God.
May this truth guide all our saying and doing.

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