

Scripture Reading: Matthew 11:28

*Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.*

In what may be the greatest understatement you have read (or will read) in our Lenten devotional...this past twelve months has been TOUGH! I suspect that many of us are weary and burdened. Too many have lost loved ones because of this pandemic.

As a guest preacher at our local church said recently, "as faithful followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to bring the sweet-smelling perfume of life to those around us who are confused, hurting, grieving." Something we may consider a trivial kindness might mean the world to someone...perhaps something as simple as a smile and a kind word.

I was reintroduced to this timely quote recently, "It only takes a spark to get a fire going and soon all those around can warm up to its glowing. That's how it is with God's love - once you've experienced it, you spread the love to everyone. You want to pass it on."

*Prayer:* Thank you LORD for the abundant blessings you have given me and help me to remember and live that no act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

~ Submitted by Drew Prusiecki for the Fortieth Reading of Lent.