

Scripture Reading: Acts 20:35

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

As I started to age, I would look at my hands and think, oh dear, my hands look like my mother's. As time marches on, I look at things differently from when I was younger, for I was one of the lucky ones with a wonderful Christian mother whose hands were always busy. Any act of service, such as cooking, caring for, cleaning, sewing, taking care of her family, or simply holding someone's hand, Mom was always there to lend a helping hand. She was eternally happy to have "servants' hands."

And as I look at my own hands now, that's how I like to see them. Happy to do whatever is needed. Whether it be cooking a meal for someone in need, mending something for someone, even helping someone out of their car. What a joy it is to have a servant's hands. Now that my hands genuinely do look like my mother's, I see it as such a blessing. I feel as if that's what God has called us to do. To use our hands in such a way to help those around us and to benefit His kingdom.

Prayer: Our loving God, thank you so much for servants' hands that are open to help others to be glory to you.

~ Submitted by Diane H. Roberts for the Nineteenth Reading of Lent