

St James News: Thought for the day – Tuesday 15th September 2020

Oxford Book of Prayers 3 – Rev John Marshall

I like these prayers, they make me think, perhaps they should encourage me to pray.

God in Heaven, you have helped my life to grow like a tree. Now something has happened. Satan, like a bird, has carried in one twig of his own choosing after another. Before I knew it he had built a dwelling place and was living in it. Tonight, my Father, I am throwing out both the bird and the nest.

- Prayer of a Nigerian Christian

O, thou great Chief, light a candle in my heart, that I may see what is there in and sweep the rubbish from thy dwelling place.

- An African schoolgirl's prayer.

Jesus the Saviour of mankind, who was fastened to the cross with three nails, fasten my heart to the same cross with the three nails of faith, hope and charity.

- Father Adrian Parviliers S.J.

Bible passage: [1 Corinthians 13](#)