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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 15, 2013

Collect:

Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Reflection:

“Grant that we may serve you with all our heart.” The Collect reminds us that our God is merciful. It recalls the covenant which was made with the people of Israel, “I am your God and you are my people.”

As children of God, we are called to be not only disciples but also caretakers of all that God has created. As a disciple and a caretaker, Jesus is saying to us, “You are covered by the blood of Christ, therefore you have no reason to be afraid to serve God and care for all of God’s creations.” We know, however, that living in this 21st century with all of its distractions and lack of concerns for one another makes our task of loving and serving God difficult at best. Today’s prayer reminds us that God has the power to change our lives.

Prayer:

Thank you, O God, for recognizing our needs. Thank you for the gift of love through your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank you for watching over us each and every day. Help us to love you more and help us to see your love in each other.

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