**Service**

**Serve the Lord your God with all your heart**

**and with all your soul.**

 ***(Deuteronomy 10:12)***

**I formed you to open the eyes of the blind**

**and to bring out from the dungeon those who live in darkness.**

**(Isaiah 42: 6-7)**

**Whoever serves me must follow me,**

**and where I am, there will my servant be also.**

**Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.**

**(St. John 12:26)**

**There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.**

**There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.**

***(1 Corinthians 12:4-6)***

**Serve one another humbly in love.**

**(Galatians 5:13)**

**Render service with enthusiasm, as to the Lord.**

**(Ephesians 6:7)**

**Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
(Hebrews 13:16)**

**As servants of God, live as free people.**

**(1 Peter 2:16)**

**Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God,**

**serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.**

**(1 Peter 4:10)**

**Understanding people and getting along with them ought to be the aim of anyone serving in an executive capacity. (Charles E. Wilson)**

**In the oceans, photosynthesis is carried on mainly by algae. Long before anything could live out of water, these plant dynamos did most of the work of changing the earth's atmosphere from poisonous gases to breathable air -- a process which probably took some 2 1/2 billion years. Today, tiny algae called diatoms carry on the bulk of aquatic photosynthesis. (Rutherford Platt, in The Living World of Nature, p. 235)**

**Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth. (Muhammad Ali)**

**My third grader's teacher assigned the following prompt: "Veterans Day honors the men and women who have served in our armed forces. Do you think you would like to serve in the military one day? Explain." Here is Justin's response: "Yes, I would like to serve in the military someday. I would like to serve chocolate chip ice cream, strawberry, chocolate, and vanilla ice cream. I would ask, 'What kind of flavor would you like?' I'd also ask, 'What kind of cone do you like?' That's what I would like to serve in the military." *(Adel Diorio, in Reader's Digest)***

**We must remember that people will continue to do business with those who give good service, and certainly there is never a traffic jam on that extra mile. (Mary Kay Ash, founder of Mary Kay cosmetics)**

**As the child approaches the school bus she notices the bus driver sleeping in the driver’s seat and says to him: “You’ve been asleep for almost two hours!” Bus driver: “Thanks, kid! I must’ve dozed off after my lunch break. I’d better hurry if I want to finish my route today.” Child: “Oh, don’t worry. I called your supervisor and told him you might be in a bit late because of the nap.” *(Steve Breen, Grand Avenue comic strip)***

**My husband was engrossed in a TV movie one evening while I was devoting half my attention to the movie and the balance to a basket of ironing. A soap commercial came on, picturing a lovely model submerged in the bathtub as she demonstrated the advantages of her favorite brand. As the commercial came to an end, the girl dropped the bar of soap into the tub. Although I was partially tuned out, I distinctly heard my husband say, “I’ll get it!” *(Dianna Ashelman, in Reader’s Digest)***

**The work of an unknown good man is like a vein of waterflowinghidden underground, secretly making the ground greener. *(Thomas Carlyle) 1909***

**One little Girl Scout taking orders for cookies was turned down by a Louisville woman who explained that she was on a diet and wouldn't want to have anything to do with cookies. "Don't let that worry you," the little girl persisted. "You just buy a box and if you want me to eat them for you, I will." *(Mrs. W. J. Roberts, in Reader's Digest)***

**People help each other through a crisis by each supposing that the other can handle it better than he himself can. *(Frank A. Clark, Register and Tribune Syndicate)***

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**If you’re not serving the customer, you’d better be serving someone who is. *(HCR Manor Care)***

**Always give the customer quality, value, selection and service. *(Fred G. Meyer)***

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**DOGS OF WAR: During World War I, forty thousand Americans donated their pet dogs to serve in the Armed Forces. Seventy-five thousand dogs were used as messengers and to locate bodies. Dogs were even trained to jump out of airplanes and parachute to the ground. *(Don Voorhees, in The Indispensable Book of Useless Information, p. 194)***

**A duck walks into a bar: “We don’t serve ducks here,” says the bartender. “That’s okay. I just want a drink.” (Reader’s Digest)**

**Like most teenagers, our son David, who had just received his Illinois driver's license, seized every opportunity to get behind the wheel of the family car. Offering to run errands, he asked, “Does anyone need anything from the market, the mall . . . or Indiana?" (Jane Hardan, in Reader's Digest)**

**The purpose of life is to serve mankind. (Albert Einstein)**

**The elephant-trunk fish, an electric fish, swims in streams of West Africa. When water around it becomes polluted, it emits electrical impulses. Germany’s technicians have imported it to their rivers and rigged the waterways with detectors. So the fish warns them of pollution by buzzing buzzers and lighting lights. (L. M. Boyd)**

**Alaska Airlines flight attendant Amber May was getting ready for takeoff from Atlanta last summer when a passenger on the Seattle-bound plane made an unusual request: "Could you help me keep some eggs warm?" An animal keeper at Seattle's Woodland Park Zoo, the passenger was carrying six Chilean flamingo eggs, and the incubator had failed. May created a nest out of rubber gloves filled with warm water – which she replaced regularly -- while other fliers offered their jackets as extra insulation. All six chicks later hatched successfully. May got to name one; she called it Sunny, after her new granddaughter, and the two Sunnys recently met. "I hope to take her (to the zoo) as often as possible," May said of her granddaughter. *(The Week magazine, March 1, 2024)***

**Serving God is doing good to man. But praying is thought an easier service and is therefore more generally chosen. *(Benjamin Franklin)***

**The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. (Mahatma Gandhi)**

**Most people wish to serve God – but in an advisory capacity only. *(Quoted in Sunday Express, London)***

**The impersonal hand of government can never replace the helping hand of a neighbor. (Hubert H. Humphrey)**

**We shall serve for the joy of serving, prosperity shall flow to us and through us in unending streams of plenty. *(Charles Fillmore, co-founder of Unity)***

**I find life an exciting business – and most exciting when it is lived for others. (Helen Keller)**

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love, and you can be that servant. (Martin Luther King Jr.)**

**Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, What are you doing for others? (Martin Luther King Jr.)**

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**Although the Kiwanis Club was chartered in 1915 in Detroit, Michigan, to exchange business ideas, members also were involved in helping those in need. In 1919, the club’s mission was changed to focus on community service. (American Profile magazine)**

**Find out where you can render a service, then render it. The rest is up to the Lord. (S. S. Kresge) 9209014**

**The more obviously one’s work benefits other people, the less one is likely to be paid for it. *(David Graeber, anthropologist)***

**When he was postmaster in Illinois in 1863 and customers neglected to pick up their mail from his office, Old Abe Lincoln would put on his hat and deliver the letters himself. He usually, says the legend, carried the letters under his stovepipe hat. (Bernie Smith, in The Joy of Trivia, p. 39)**

**Look about you. Help others. Serve in every possible way. Forget yourself in the joy of doing for others. (Nona Brooks, in The Prayer That Never Fails)**

**We do ourselves the most good doing something for others. (Horace Mann)**

**Back in the early 1900s, my grandmother came to live in Chicago with her four sons. She became a midwife in the Lincoln-Belmont area. She received 25 cents for assisting in the birth and 25 cents a day for caring for the mother and baby. Grandma told me many times, “Sonny, there are a lot of people out there who haven’t been paid for. *(Henry Koch, in Reminisce Extra magazine)***

**Missionary recruitment ad in Maryknoll Magazine: “Ever think of going into your Father’s business?” *(Reader’s Digest)***

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**Love cannot remain by itself – it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action and that action is service. *(Mother Teresa)***

**A teenager brings her new boyfriend home to meet her parents. They’re appalled by his piercings, the vulgar slogan on his T-shirt and his constant cursing. Later, the girl asks her mother, “So, what did you think?” “He doesn’t seem very nice.” “Oh, please, Mom!” says the daughter. “If he wasn’t nice, would he be doing 500 hours of community service?” (Richmond Register)**

**A youngster knocked on my door inquiring if I would like to renew my newspaper subscription. I told him no, explaining that I seldom had time to read the paper and that lately I’d been taking it from the front porch directly to the trash. He pondered this and then said with enthusiasm, “Why, I’ll be happy to deliver it straight to the trash can for you!” *(B. B., in Reader’s Digest)***

**Our minister’s wife told of filling out a form in her pediatrician’s office. Beside the blank marked “occupation” were these words: “If you devote the greater part of your time to loving, caring and making a home for your family, put a big star in this space. *(Bonnie Miller, in Reader’s Digest)***

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**More than 4 million pets are euthanized in the U.S. every year, mostly because of overcrowding in shelters. But a growing number of kindhearted pilots have been donating their time, fuel, and aircraft to transporting unwanted rescue dogs to less overburdened shelters, where many of them are quickly adopted. Groups like Wings of Rescue and Pilots N Paws have helped tens of thousands of strays find new homes over the past several years, and the number of volunteer aviators continues to rise. “We get a lot of the glory,” said pilot Angela Garcia. “But in reality, it’s just pure fun.” *(The Week magazine, April 24, 2015)***

I ask you to ensure that humanity is served by wealth and not ruled by it. (Pope Francis)

**Mamie Adams always went to a branch post office in her town because the postal employees there were friendly. She went there to buy stamps just before Christmas one year and the lines were particularly long. Someone pointed out that there was no need to wait in line because there was a stamp machine in the lobby. “I know,” said Mamie, “but the machine won’t ask me about my arthritis.” (Bits & Pieces)**

**Try to forget yourself in the service of others. For when we think too much of ourselves and our own interests, we easily become despondent. But when we work for others, our efforts return to bless us. *(Sidney Powell)***

**I declare before you all, that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and to the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong. (Queen Elizabeth II, said in an address from Cape Town, South Africa, on her 21*st* birthday)**

**Pulling Rank: Speaker Sam Rayburn, who was a member of the House for 48 years, took a back seat to no one. Someone once asked him how many Presidents he had served under. “I served under no President,” Rayburn corrected. “I served with eight.” *(E. E. Edgar)***

**We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone. *(Ronald Reagan)***

**Clara Barton, 60, and a group of friends found the American Red Cross in Washington, D.C. on May 21, 1881. Known as “the angel of the battlefield” for providing aid to wounded soldiers in the Civil War, Barton brought the Red Cross to the U.S. – she had been a volunteer in Europe – to provide relief in times of “war, pestilence, famine and other calamities” and to get the government to ratify the first Geneva Convention. (It did, in 1882.) Barton served as president for 23 years; she died in 1912. Today the American Red Cross responds to some 70,000 disasters annually. *(Alison McLean, in Smithsonian magazine)***

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**The bee is more honored than other animals, not because she labors, but because she labors for others. *(St. John Chrysostom, Greek Archbishop of Constantinople, 4th century)***

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**The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve. (Albert Schweitzer. Nobel Laureate)**

**Albert Schweitzer is what service is all about. He gave up a prestigious career as a doctor and went to Africa to build hospitals for the poor natives. Many of his friends, who felt that he was throwing away his talents and training, sent a delegation to Africa to attempt to persuade him to come back to his native land. They asked, “Why should such a gifted man as you give up so much to labor among African natives?” Schweitzer replied: “Don't talk about sacrifice. What does it matter where one goes provided one can do good work there? Much as I appreciate your kind words, I have made up my mind to stay here and look after my African friends.” He remained there until he died in 1965, at the age of 90. He worked until the very end, maintaining his zest for living. (Joe Griffith, in Speaker's Library of Business, p. 290)**

**It is not enough merely to exist. It’s not enough to say, “I’m earning enough to live and to support my family. I do my work well. I’m a good father. I’m a good husband. I’m a good churchgoer.” That’s all very well. But you must do something more. Seek always to do some good, somewhere. Every man has to seek in his own way to make his own self more noble and to realize his own true worth. You must give some time to your fellowman. (Albert Schweitzer) 179324**

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**The coronavirus has sidelined more than 130 Secret Service officers assigned to protect President Trump because they were either infected or quarantined after having close contact with infected colleagues. Since March, some 300 Secret Service agents have been infected or quarantined -- at least partly because of their presence at Trump's campaign rallies. *(The Washington Post, as it appeared in The Week magazine, November 27, 2020)***

**All of us are born for a reason, but all of us don't discover why. Success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others. *(Danny Thomas)***

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**The sole meaning of life is to serve humanity. (Leo Tolstoy, Russian author)**

**Life is a place of service. Joy can be real only if people look upon their life as a service and have a definite object in life outside themselves and their personal happiness. (Leo Tolstoy)**

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**The 1905 peace treaty ending the Russo-Japanese War was signed in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Though the United States had nothing to do with the war, the treaty was arranged and negotiated by United States President Theodore Roosevelt. (David Louis, in Fascinating Facts, p. 180)**

**On February 4, 1941, at the request of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the United Service Organizations (USO) was created to provide recreational services to the U.S. Armed Forces. At its high point in 1944, the USO had more than 3,000 clubs. (The Daily Chronicle)**

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