

The background of the image is a detailed stone relief sculpture from an ancient Egyptian tomb. It depicts a deceased man in a chariot, shown in a state of distress or mourning, with his hands raised. He is surrounded by several standing figures, likely family members or deities, who are dressed in traditional Egyptian attire, including long robes and tall, textured headdresses. The scene is set within a rectangular frame, possibly representing a sarcophagus or a specific chamber in a tomb.

Ash Wednesday

Year B

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

or Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalms 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Yet even now, says the LORD,
return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and
with mourning;

Joel 2:12



Sepulcher in Cistercian monastery -- Santa María del Salvador, Cañas, Spain

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Isaiah 58:6



Under the Yoke -- Eero Järnefelt, Finnish National Gallery, Helsinki, Finland

Washerwomen

Abram Archipov
Tretyakov Gallery
Moscow, Russia



Fugitive Slaves in the
Dismal Swamp

New York Historical
Society





Fannie Lou Hamer, Civil Rights activist -- Kelly Latimore

Is it not to share your bread with
the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into
your house;
when you see the naked,
to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your
own kin?

Isaiah 58:7



Parish Soup Kitchen -- George Hicks



Homeless Jesus -- Timothy Schmalz, Dominican Convent, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic



Thanks for Being a Helping Hand -- Ibrahim Ebi, graphic image using stylized Arabic script

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and
put a new and right spirit within me.

Psalm 51:10



Living Cross

Sarah Hall,
stained glass
artist

... we have commended ourselves ...
by purity, knowledge, patience,
kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine
love, truthful speech, and the power
of God;

2 Corinthians 6:4b, 6, 7a



Kindness, Compassion, Peace -- People's Climate March, 2017

"Beware of practicing your piety
before others in order to be seen
by them ... "

Matthew 6:1a

Pharisee and the Publican

James Tissot
Brooklyn Museum
New York, NY



"Do not store up for yourselves
treasures on earth, where moth and
rust consume ... but store up for
yourselves treasures in heaven ... "

Matthew 6:19a, 20a



Prayer in the Steppe -- Jozef Brandt, National Museum, Warsaw, Poland

But when you give alms, do not let
your left hand know what your right
hand is doing, so that your alms may
be done in secret;

Matthew 6:3-4a



The Pharisee and the Publican -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

For where your treasure is, there
your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:21



Heart of the World

Mikhail Reva
Odessa Children's Hospital
Odessa, Ukraine

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