

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK---NOVEMBER 8-14, 2020

"Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it."

Mark Twain

"All major religious traditions carry basically the same message, that is love, compassion and forgiveness. The important thing is that they should be part of our daily lives."

The Dalai Lama

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts."

Winston Churchill

I think these three quotes are quite appropriate in light of the hostile, hateful, contentious election season. We need a time of healing, whatever the result is. We need a time of compassion, we need to reach out to all those who are hurting, suffering poverty, exclusion from the basic elements of our great heritage, which while far from perfect, is, nevertheless, a great step in the right direction. We do need to see similarities---even in our differences, we do need to remember it takes great courage to stand up for truth and love. I love the Mark Twain quote---so poetic, so beautiful and so correct. Can we, as people of God, who have been and are contined to be loved willing to step up---even if it is just a bit? It is difficult and it does take great courage.