

Dorothy Stang Novena: Day 2 - Wednesday, February 5



Blessed are the sorrowing; they shall be consoled. Matthew 5:4

"I don't want to flee, nor do I want to abandon the battle of the farmers who live without any protection in the forest." — Sister Dorothy Stang

Jesus

Jesus – a man the children loved, a kind man who healed and freed
the lame to walk again and the blind to see, who consoled the sorrowing.

He was a quiet man enraged by money changers in his Father's temple,
by their arrogance and grabbing asperity, by the stink of sickened animals.

Dare I be like him – loved, kind, a consoler – and enraged?

Action:

Sister Dorothy Stang practiced simple kindness every day. Look around your small world. Where is kindness needed? Consolation? Today offer a small kindness or consolation in a place where it is needed.

Here at Notre Dame, there are countless moments of kindness we experience every day. Mission Moments is one expression of how this is happening. One of the qualities of St. Julie was her simplicity and her ability to see God in all things and in all people. If we can imitate her simple kindness, then this place we live and work in can truly reflect the mission of Jesus.

The next time we have a chance to reach out to someone in kindness, will we take the opportunity? Or will we be too busy or say it is none of our business? Sr. Dorothy made it her business to get involved, to make a difference and to share God's love with all she met. May we do the same!