

Prayer for Dorothy Day

You were always a pilgrim,
Moving deeper and deeper
Into the heart of the Mystery of God,
Breaking bread with the least of these,
Finding beauty in parched places,
Seeking the stranger, the lost one.

Dorothy, you offer us a model of being:
Sure of the way, yet
Open to creating new paths,
Seeing the Sacred
In the here and the now,
Amid the din of soup kitchens,
In jail cells for protesting injustice,
With farmworkers and bag ladies.

You challenge us
To the hospitality of the heart,
To the life-long search
For justice, peace, and
The beauty of community.
Your life with the poor,
Your struggle for bread and roses
For workers and for us all
Enriches us beyond measure.

~ By Jane Deren

