

## Simple Gifts--October 8

My mother was one of the strongest people in my life. She brought my brother and I up to not only go to church every Sunday, but also to speak to the Lord daily. It didn't matter when or where but just to tell him what we were thinking. I forgot that message for a long time, but after she passed away that lesson was the first that came back to me. Thanks to my mother I speak to God every day. Some days I just say hi, and on others I yell and scream at him. Always though, after I'm done I feel better and more peaceful. One of the best lessons my mother taught me was no matter what is on your mind tell God and he will listen. You may not get the answer that you want but he will listen and you will feel better.

To my mother volunteering at the church was one of the most rewarding experiences of her life. She was a Sunday School Teacher for 15+ years and was an active member of the Altar Guild for more years than that. When she passed away I wanted to do something for the church in her honor. I don't have the money to donate anything with her name on it for people to remember forever. I try to give flowers around Mothers day every year but that is only for a Sunday or two. Then I realized that my mother did not always give gifts of money or items but she always gave the church her time and attention. I then realized that to help people remember how wonderful a person my mother was I just had to follow in her footsteps. I give time. I have worked the month of May for the Altar Guild in my mother's memory since she passed. I help watch the two year olds most Sundays knowing that they are the future of the church. The one thing I can always find to give is time. With the economic turmoil going on right now, I may not always have money to donate but I can always give one month to the Altar Guild or help out with Sunday school to help me remember my mother.



*Prayer: Thank you for the saints who came before us and help us to follow their example. Amen.*

by Joey Browning