

Simple Gifts--October 9

*If I can do some good today,
If I can serve along life's way,
If I can something helpful say,
Lord, show me how.*

Grenville Kleiser

For me, the above thought for the day is one of those to “tape on your mirror” as a daily inspirational verse. It reminds me of my mother who always thought of others and made a difference in the lives of many people.

One of the very special ways my mother ministered to others was by sharing the roses which she and my father lovingly tended in their home garden. Whatever the occasion—happy or sad, life-changing or just as a “perker-upper” – my mother enjoyed providing a bouquet of roses.



Our church rose garden is dedicated to the memory of my parents, Bill and Eunice Maddox, in the hopes that roses will continue to be a “do good” ministry in the lives of others. A Chinese proverb states that “fragrance always clings to the hand that gives you roses”. Our family tradition of sharing roses has proved this to be true.

Prayer: Lord, show me today how to serve you through the beauty of your gifts. Amen.

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