

Would you walk by on the other side
When someone called for aid?
Would you walk by on the other side
Or would you be afraid?

*Cross over the road my friend,
Ask the lord his strength to lend,
His compassion has no end -
Cross over the road.*

Would you walk by on the other side
When you saw a loved one stray?
Would you walk by on the other side
Or would you watch and pray?

*Cross over the road my friend,
Ask the lord his strength to lend,
His compassion has no end -
Cross over the road.*

Would you walk by on the other side
When starving children cried?
Would you walk by on the other side
And would you not provide?

*Cross over the road my friend,
Ask the lord his strength to lend,
His compassion has no end -
Cross over the road.*

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Proper 10

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Bible Readings

Amos 7:7-17

Psalm 82

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

Collect for Proper 10

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

A religious man learned that a prostitute was doing business in the neighbourhood. He found her house stood across the street and every time a customer walked out, he placed a stone in a little pile, symbolizing the weight and extent of her sins. Years later the prostitute died and soon afterwards so did the man. When the man was shown his heavenly abode he was aghast to find a heap of stone similar to the mound he had built to mark the prostitute's wrongdoing. On the other side of the pile, he saw a magnificent estate with rolling lawns and colourful gardens, where the prostitute strolled joyfully. "There must be some mistake!" He railed. "That woman was a prostitute, and I was a religious man." "There was no mistake," a voice answered. "That prostitute hated her job, but it was the only way she knew to make money to support herself and her young daughter. Every time she was with a client she inwardly prayed, 'Dear God, please get me out of this.' You on the other hand were fascinated only with her sins. While she was talking to God, you were talking to rocks. She got what she prayed for, and so did you."