Let me begin by saying I've been praying for a long time for GOD to relieve me of my prejudices.

Today's first reading calls for bringing nations together as one. This brought to mind an opportunity I had recently to share some of the gifts I've received from GOD with a less fortunate person. This lady works at a local restaurant and my first impression was that she appeared to me to have a very indifferent attitude toward the customers she was waiting on. She is not someone I would normally strike up a conversation with.

Nearly a month after first meeting her, she told me she was seven months pregnant and that her baby was trying to come early. You can't begin to imagine how bad I felt about mistaking her discomfort for indifference. She told me she hoped the baby would not come too early because she was still saving her money for a car seat. When I left, I drove straight to Wal Mart and bought her a car seat.

Later that same morning I was reading my lesson from a Lenten Meditation booklet called "Holy Island." It said, "FOR THOSE WHOM WE INSTINCTIVELY DISLIKE, TRY TO DO SOMETHING. REMEMBER... THE GOLDEN RULE FOR ANTIPATHY IS TO ASK TO DO A SERVICE FOR THE ONE YOUR SPIRIT WITHDRAWS FROM."

What an awesome message from my Lord and Savior! It was a confirmation that I am doing His work.