

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

—*The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 305

## MONDAY, MARCH 7

It took me many years to live into the reality that we are all children of God. In part I was jolted into what this means when, as an aid worker in Liberia during the civil war, I met a number of Roman Catholics from religious orders. I was struck by how they were living out the gospel – truly loving their neighbors, giving all to help those in need. They treated all persons with such incredible kindness that the vision of their ministry is still embedded in my mind.

If we are all children of God, then we all have the presence of God within our being. It follows that if we are in meaningful relationships with others, we can see that presence of God within them and they in us. In a hurting world, we are called to see the presence of Christ within all people and respond to that presence with love and kindness. We can do this with those we encounter day to day and with those who are presented to us through agencies like Episcopal Relief & Development. In your prayers, think about the many opportunities presented each day to meet Christ in others and pray about how you might respond to that presence in your life.

—**David Copley**