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President Abraham Lincoln could find humour in the most serious situations, and use it to spread cheerfulness. During the Civil War, he was making the rounds at a military hospital when a young woman came to visit the wounded. She approached a bedridden soldier and asked him where he had been injured. The young man got embarrassed and couldn't answer. Overhearing them, Lincoln came over. 'Ma'am,' he told her, 'the bullet that wounded him would not have wounded you.'" **Prof. John Morreall**

In prehistoric times, mankind often had only two choices in crisis situations: fight or flight. In modern times, humour offered a third alternative: fight, flight or laugh." **Robert Orben**

"Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car." *Winston Churchill* **Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft**

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~Saints Speak~

The gentlest form of spiritual narcissism is the idea that one can accomplish one's own spiritual growth. . . The belief that "I can do it" is intimately associated with the assumption that "it is my idea, my desire, to do it." Spiritual narcissism works to deny the realization that our spirituality comes from God. **Gerald May**, 1940-2005, *Will and Spirit*

We have been made for communion, a 'union with' God and fellow human beings. Another way of putting it is to describe God as love and we, through God's abiding, loving presence dwelling within us and inside of each event of each day, are to receive His loving energies and thus live in communion with all persons we meet. We begin to move toward loving communion by means of 'communication.' **George Maloney, S.J.**, 1924-2005, *Invaded by God*

I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but now I pray that he will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do, what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength. I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things.

St. Teresa of Calcutta, 1910-1997, Founder, Missionaries of Charity