

We Did Not See You, Lord

Matthew 25:31-46

We did not see You, Lord, among the hungry ones
who suffer beyond bound'ries made to keep them out of sight.

We did not see You walking as a stranger in our midst
whose silent pleas for kindness went unheeded in the night,
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For in the quest to fill our lives with non-essential luxuries
we focused on a different prize.

We did not see You, Lord.

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We did not see You, Lord, at all.

We did not see You, in our ceremonies grand
Enveloped in our worshiping and all that it entails.

We did not find you sheltered in our sanctuary walls.
We never thought to look for You in alley ways and jails.
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We gathered weekly in your Name
with others who were much the same
and sought to please You free from blame.

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We did not see You, Lord.

We did not see You, Lord, at all.

We did not help You, Lord, with all our fervent prayers
beseeching You to take away the suffering of the poor.
We did not help You, so convinced of our own brokenness.

We wallowed in a humility unwilling to do more.

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We failed, O Lord, to realize we were to be your voice, your eyes,
your hands for touching troubled lives.

We did not see You, Lord.

We did not see You, Lord.

We did not see You, Lord, at all.

And when we stand before your throne
proclaiming that we are your own
We each will reap what we have sown.

You will not know us Lord.

You will not know us, Lord.

You will not know us, Lord at all...at all.

