

## Saturday - April 2

*In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.  
Matthew 5:16 (NIV)*

I recently found myself in one of those fast food drive through "pay it forward" situations. You may be familiar with this. You pull up to the window to pay for your order and the cashier says, "The car in front of you has already paid for your order!" First you are surprised and happy that a perfect stranger would pay for your order. You may even do a quick look around to see if you can catch a glimpse of the car and the person who just paid for your order. Then you have a decision to make, do you keep the kindness going and do you pay for the order behind you in the line?

This random act of kindness example reminds me of God's love for me. God's love for me is both in the hills and in the valleys of my life. God's love is something that is given to me freely and is meant to be passed on to others. To pass this love of God to others is so important and can be done in so many ways! Be on the lookout during your day for someone who may be in need of your kindness. It could be someone you know or a perfect stranger that just needs your words of encouragement. Or it could be that God's love can be shared through serving and being part of one of the PUMC mission teams that serve at Common Ground Free Store or at Good Works! Or it could be writing a letter to someone who is incarcerated through PUMC Hope Letter writing! These are just a few examples. There are so many more ways to pass the love of God to someone and to "pay it forward" both in a simple way or in a way that takes additional time and effort.

During this Lenten season, Jesus represents the ultimate "pay it forward" person. He gave His life on the cross so that our sins are forgiven and that we may have eternal life! Just like in the drive through line, we have a choice to make. Like Jesus, will we keep the chain of love and kindness going and "pay it forward?" May we each choose to say "yes" to "paying it forward" during this Lenten season.

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**Prayer:** Dear Lord, thank you for this day. Help me to love others and to "pay it forward" by spreading Your love and kindness to others. Help me to be on the lookout for someone who needs words of encouragement or just to be heard today. Thank you for loving me and for loving those who may not know You yet. Your love never ends and we are grateful for that. Amen.

Song to listen to today: *Promises*- Maverick City Music