

1 Yesterday's date, 12th July, was the date on a school report of Winston Churchill, who later became Britain's leader during the Second World War. Churchill was bottom of the class, and a Mr Davidson, his housemaster at Harrow School, wrote on his report:

*"If you judge people,  
you have no time to love them."*

- 2 *"He is forgetful, careless, unpunctual, irregular in every way...  
If he is unable to conquer this slovenliness he will never make a success..."*
- 3 Some people tend only to judge others and criticise them, never seeing anything positive in them. Mother Teresa said:  
*"If you judge people,  
you have no time to love them."*
- 4 *Let us pray:*

**Lord, I ask that you inspire me  
always to do my best  
- not comparing myself with others,  
but only with myself.**

**Lead me, Lord,  
to discover and use  
my own talents to the full.**

**May I live in such a way  
that I help others  
to experience success,  
as well as praising them  
for the good use of their abilities  
- looking not so much  
at the degree of achievement  
but at the effort put in.**

**Stop me from judging people  
or jumping to conclusions  
about them,  
but lead me  
to respect and accept others  
for who they are,  
focussing on the positive  
rather than the negative.**

**Amen.**

This is an excerpt from the page of this date in  
*'Praying Each Day of the Year'*,  
a 3-volume book  
by Nicholas Hutchinson, FSC.

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to research this topic further.

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