

(See also 9 June.)

- 1 Charles Dickens' book, '**A Tale of Two Cities**' is a novel set in the time of the French Revolution (1789-1799), and the hero of the book travels between the "two cities" of the book's title - London and Paris - to rescue some people who were condemned to die on the guillotine in France.
- 2 As he set about rescuing those condemned to die, the hero - Sydney Carton - saw both good and bad, and light and darkness in people and situations.
- 3 Dickens starts '**A Tale of Two Cities**' with these words:
"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times. It was the age of wisdom; it was the age of foolishness... It was the season of light; it was the season of darkness. It was the spring of hope; it was the winter of despair."
- 4 *Let us pray:*

**Lord, lead me to look for the positive
in all people
and in all situations.
May I help bring light
to those in darkness,
and encouragement
to those who feel unhappy.
May I show as much care for others
as I would like them to show for me.
Amen.**

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