

- 1 Tomorrow is the anniversary of the death in 1991 of Gene Roddenberry, the creator of 'Star Trek', the science-fiction series.
- 2 In an episode of 'Star Trek: The Next Generation', the people who live on two moons are about to go to war with each other. With the help of the crew of the 'Enterprise', an ambassador persuades representatives of each group to trade places for a week, so that they will understand the others' point of view more clearly.
- 3 Having swapped places, both grow in their understanding of the other group. War is averted and they all live in peace.
- 4 The Sioux Native Americans had a custom that, before leaving to visit members of another tribe, individuals would raise their hands and pray these words:
- 5 *"Great Spirit,  
help me never to judge another person  
without having first  
walked in their moccasins  
for two weeks."*
- 6 *Let us pray to be free of prejudices:*

**Lord, lead me**

**not to be hasty**

**in jumping to conclusions  
about people.**

**Influence me**

**not to stereo-type individuals  
or make sweeping generalisations.**

**Free me from prejudices**

**which leave no-one free.**

**Help me to appreciate**

**that there are other ways  
of looking at things,  
realising that others can have  
as equally valid a view  
as mine.**

**Inspire me**

**to grow in the ability  
to understand others  
and think as generously of them  
as I would like them to think  
of me.**

**Amen.**

This is an excerpt from the page of this date in  
*'Praying Each Day of the Year'*,  
a 3-volume book  
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to research this topic further.

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