

# 1 SEPTEMBER

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- 1 In the southern United States, Helen Keller lost her sight and hearing through illness when she was only 2-years old. Annie Sullivan, who had herself been blind, taught the teenage Helen how to speak and how to read Braille writing.
- 2 On this day in 1904 the deaf and blind Helen Keller graduated with honours from Radcliffe College in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Helen wrote the following words about using well whatever senses we have:
  - 3 *"We differ, blind and seeing,  
one from another  
- not in our senses,  
but in the use we make of them,  
in the imagination and courage  
with which we seek wisdom  
beyond our senses..."*
  - 4 *"I have walked with people  
whose eyes are full of light,  
but who see nothing  
in wood, sea or sky,  
nothing in the city streets,  
nothing in books.*
  - 5 *"What a witless masquerade is this seeing!  
It were better far  
to sail for ever in the night of blindness,  
with sense and feeling and mind,  
than to be thus content  
with the mere act of seeing.*
  - 6 *"They have the sunset, the morning skies,  
the purple of distant hills  
- yet their souls voyage  
through this enchanted world  
with a barren stare."*

7 *Let us pray:*

**Lord,  
we pray that we may live  
in such a way  
that we value all that is good in our lives  
and never take anyone or anything  
for granted.  
Amen.**

This is an excerpt from the page of this date in  
*'Praying Each Day of the Year'*,  
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