

1 On this day in 1586, Sir Philip Sydney was mortally wounded in battle. He had been shot in the leg, and collapsed from loss of blood and the setting in of fever. A fellow-officer ran to get some water. Sir Philip, desperate to drink, raised the water to his lips, but then saw an ordinary soldier lying nearby, also seriously wounded. Philip did not drink, but handed the water to the soldier, saying:

“Your need is greater than mine.”

2 *Let us pray:*

**Lord our God,
may we grow
as people who think of others
and see their needs
never “passing by
on the other side”, *Lk 10²¹*
but being willing to make sacrifices
and be generous
for the good of others.
Amen.**

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to research this topic further.

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