

Today's first reading from the book of proverbs is a reading we usually associate with weddings – the virtues of a worthy wife.

One line in particular struck me: her husband entrusts his heart to her. The reading then goes on to extol her virtues: she reaches out to the poor, extends her arms to the needy, she is in awe of God and it is her works that praise her.

I propose that this may be true for all of us. When someone entrusts their heart to us, we are empowered to be a better person, to reach our potential, to become all that we are called to be. We are able to care for those in our homes, in our families, in our neighborhoods.

As a parish we extend our arms to those in Haiti, or at the shelter, or through Stephen and bereavement ministries. Someone entrusted their heart to us, and we have been empowered.

Take a moment to recall the people who have entrusted their hearts to you?.....How has that blest your life and through you our world?

Today, let us be grateful for those who have empowered us. May we give thanks to the God who first entrusted God's very heart to us - for always and forever.