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(See also 29 & 30 January and 12 May)

- 1 It was under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi and his practice of "passive resistance" that India achieved her independence from Great Britain in 1947.
- 2 In his autobiography, Gandhi talks of his days as a student in South Africa, feeling drawn to Jesus and the practice of Christianity. And so he set out one Sunday to go to a Christian church. There, at the entrance to the church, he was told that, if he wanted to attend a service, he must do so in a church reserved for black people, and not in that church building which only white people were allowed to attend. Gandhi no longer felt drawn to Christianity!
- 3 There is a saying that

"I might be the only gospel that others will read today."

4 Let us pray:

Inspire us, Lord, to take the gospel more seriously, that we may be credible witnesses of your love. Amen. This is an excerpt from the page of this date in *'Praying Each Day of the Year'*, a 3-volume book by Nicholas Hutchinson, FSC.

For details: http://www.matthew-james.co.uk/ Could make use of a search engine to research this topic further.

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