

14 JANUARY

(See also 4 September)

- 1 Albert Schweitzer was born on this day in 1865. He became a world-famous organist and author, and sacrificed a comfortable life in France and Germany to be a missionary doctor. In Africa he set up a hospital and leper-colony for the very poor.
- 2 He encouraged others to share his “*reverence for life*”, growing in compassion for life in all its forms. He wrote:

“By having reverence for life, we enter into a spiritual relationship with the world.”

He helped lead others to see that, with love and compassion and respect for all life, people would find a greater meaning in their lives. In 1952 Doctor Albert Schweitzer was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

- 3 We can use a short prayer of his today - a prayer of offering. It’s the kind of prayer some people memorise and use from time to time:
- 4 **“Here, Lord, is my life.
I place it on the altar today.
Use my life as you will.”**

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.

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