1 Yesterday’s date, 12th July, was the date on a school report of Winston Churchill, who later became Britain’s leader during the Second World War. Churchill was bottom of the class, and a Mr Davidson, his housemaster at Harrow School, wrote on his report:

2 “He is forgetful, careless, unpunctual, irregular in every way…
If he is unable to conquer this slovenliness he will never make a success…”

3 Some people tend only to judge others and criticise them, never seeing anything positive in them. Mother Teresa said: “If you judge people, you have no time to love them.”

4 Let us pray:

   Lord, I ask that you inspire me always to do my best
   - not comparing myself with others, but only with myself.
   Lead me, Lord, to discover and use my own talents to the full.
   May I live in such a way that I help others to experience success, as well as praising them for the good use of their abilities - looking not so much at the degree of achievement but at the effort put in.
   Stop me from judging people or jumping to conclusions about them, but lead me to respect and accept others for who they are, focussing on the positive rather than the negative.
   Amen.
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