1 Charles Dickens’ book, ‘A Tale of Two Cities’ is a novel set in the time of the French Revolution (1789-1799), and the hero of the book travels between the “two cities” of the book’s title - London and Paris - to rescue some people who were condemned to die on the guillotine in France.

2 As he set about rescuing those condemned to die, the hero - Sydney Carton - saw both good and bad, and light and darkness in people and situations.

3 Dickens starts ‘A Tale of Two Cities’ with these words:
“It was the best of times; it was the worst of times. It was the age of wisdom; it was the age of foolishness… It was the season of light; it was the season of darkness. It was the spring of hope; it was the winter of despair.”

4 Let us pray:

Lord, lead me to look for the positive in all people and in all situations.
May I help bring light to those in darkness, and encouragement to those who feel unhappy.
May I show as much care for others as I would like them to show for me.
Amen.