

- 1 In the "Star Trek" science fiction series, the Vulcan greeting is sometimes heard from Mr Spock or Ambassador Sarek: "Live long and prosper."
- 2 They are words that can be found in the Old Testament of the Bible. There are other phrases from the Bible that people sometimes use in conversation, such as these:
- 3 "Sour grapes" - Ezek 18<sup>2</sup>
- 4 "The writing's on the wall" - Dan 5<sup>25</sup>
- 5 She is "the salt of the earth" - Mt 5<sup>13</sup>
- 6 "To go the extra mile" - Mt 5<sup>41</sup>
- 7 "Not letting his left hand know what his right hand is doing" - Mt 6<sup>3</sup>
- 8 "On the straight and narrow" - Mt 7<sup>14</sup>
- 9 "Fallen by the wayside" - Mt 13<sup>4</sup>
- 10 "The blind leading the blind" - Mt 15<sup>14</sup>
- 11 "Good Samaritan"  
- someone who doesn't  
"pass by on the other side" - Lk 10<sup>31</sup>
- 12 "Seeing is believing"  
Doubting Thomas;  
I'll believe it when I see it.
- 13 *Let us pray:*

**Lord, inspire us  
in every moment before we speak,  
so that our words to others today  
may all be positive.  
Amen.**



-  *An alternative prayer would be number 30 in the Appendix of Volume 2 - "Prayers for Use by Teachers".*
-  *The words referred to as "the Vulcan Greeting" may be found in the Bible in Deuteronomy 4<sup>40</sup>: "The Lord is God indeed in heaven and on earth - he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments that are given to you today, so that you and your children will live long and prosper in the land that God gives you." This text is part of the Old Testament Reading for Trinity Sunday in Year B of the 3-year cycle of readings.*
-  *Other biblical passages used in ordinary speech, include:*
  - "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth" - Ex 21<sup>23</sup>
  - "Tablets of stone" - Ex 34
  - "Scapegoat" - Lev 16<sup>16</sup>
  - "To spy out the land" - Num 13<sup>16</sup>
  - "The apple of his eye" - Deut 32<sup>10</sup>
  - "Someone after his own heart" - 1 Sam 13<sup>14</sup>
  - "How the mighty are fallen!" - 2 Sam 1<sup>27</sup>
  - "Escaped by the skin of their teeth" - Job 19<sup>20</sup>
  - "Pride goes before a fall" - Prov 16<sup>18</sup>
  - "Don't know what tomorrow may bring" - Prov 27<sup>1</sup>
  - "Put your own house in order" - Is 38<sup>1</sup>
  - "No peace for the wicked" - Is 48<sup>22</sup>
  - "Holier-than-thou" - Is 65<sup>5</sup>
  - "He is found wanting" - Dan 5<sup>27</sup>
  - "Don't cast your pearls before swine" - Mt 7<sup>6</sup>
  - "O ye of little faith" - Mt 8<sup>26</sup>
  - "Fallen on stony ground" - Mt 13<sup>5</sup>
  - "Walking on water" - Mt 14<sup>25</sup>
  - "The first will be last;  
the last will be first" - Mt 19<sup>30</sup>
  - "A worker is worthy of his hire" - Mk 10<sup>7</sup>
  - "The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak" - Mk 14<sup>28</sup>
  - "Physician, heal thyself" - Lk 4<sup>23</sup>
  - We have our "cross to bear/carry" - Lk 9<sup>23</sup>
  - "Once you've put your hand to the plough...  
there's no turning back" - cf Lk 9<sup>62</sup>
  - "Kept the good wine until last" - Jn 2<sup>10</sup>
  - "A law unto themselves" - Rom 2<sup>14</sup>
  - "The love of money is the root of all evil" - 1 Tim 6<sup>10</sup>
  - "I have fought the good fight" - 2 Tim 4<sup>7</sup>
  - "He's got the patience of Job" - James 5<sup>11</sup>
  - "Streets paved with gold" - Rev 21<sup>1</sup>

 Oh the word of my Lord

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