

THE OPEN DOOR POLICY

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A friend has retired from his day job but he is busier than ever.

Community service fills many hours. He is active in the garden too, as he helps his wife, who has green fingers.

He is very involved in his local Anglican Church.

A new vicar has arrived. He wants to have the church available for people to come in and pray on week days.

There is an "open" sign placed outside the front door every week day.

A volunteer is inside in a quiet corner, available if anyone needs help.

Our friend is on the roster.

Quite recently a man came in, sat for a while, and left in tears. Nothing was said, no communication was made.

All our friend could do was to pray for the needs of a stranger, assuring him of God's presence, sensitivity and understanding.

The open door was the avenue to our Father.

Reflection:

"It shall come to pass that before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear, says the Lord."

Isaiah 65:24

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