

SURPRISING WHO YOU MEET IN THE GARDEN

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It was Monday. The minister's day off.
A distressed lady came to the front gate
of the manse.

A man was working in the garden.

"I need to see the minister," the lady said.

The man directed her to the front door.
She knocked and anxiously asked
to see the minister. The lady at the
door kindly invited her into the study,
promising to fetch the minister as soon
as possible.

And she waited in the quiet of the study,
surrounded by books.

Finally the minister came in. Clerical
collar, different shirt. He had the same
kind face as the gardener.

He held out his hand, invited her to sit
down and said "Good afternoon, my
name is ... How can I help you?"

And he listened. He understood, prayed
and promised to help.

Reflection:

Ministers are ordinary men and women who do ordinary things. Yet they are called to extraordinary service. They need our prayers. They are called to a vocation and like all of us need a vacation to recharge their spiritual batteries.

Read John 20:11-1B

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