

# THREE MARTHA'S

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During the Coronavirus, we have discovered three Martha's in our street. Martha of the New Testament story was busy, very busy, preparing a meal for Jesus. Mary was relaxed, sitting at the feet of Jesus and listening. Many have said why didn't Mary get up and help? Jesus let Martha be Martha and Mary Mary. So easy for people to judge others.

Our Martha's all have children, very young, and teenagers. Busy families, working, home schooling. Yet they still have time to think of

others. Cooking for themselves and sending meals over the road to us. And shopping for us as we are shut in.

So much consideration and neighbourliness. And there are many Martha's in streets, towns and villages busy, but busily, helping others, today. Kindness is the special quality they have, wanting to help. Maybe they are putting into practice, what they have learned at the feet of Jesus? For him love was patient and kind.

## *Reflection:*

*Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
Let me be as Christ to you.  
We are pilgrims on a journey  
And companions on the road,  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and share the load. (Tis 650:1a,2)*

*How could we combine and apply the Martha and Mary qualities to our witness in this current crisis? Luke 10: 38-42*

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