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Thursday is Nurses' Day

Nurses' Day, which is Thursday, May 6, has been established to pay tribute to those in the nursing profession for their contribution to mankind in providing health care services to people of all ages.

The following poem, "Christ's Sandals" by Franklin C. Sims, is reprinted here in recognition of all Mercy nurses:

CHRIST'S SANDALS Franklin C. Sims

Lord, were those sandals thrown away,
Or do you have them still,
The ones that Jesus wore that night,
He climbed up Calvary's hill?

They probably were torn to shreds,
Because the road was steep,

And spattered too, with His own blood,
From stones that cut His Feet.

And yet, I'd like to have them Lord,
I'd give them to my nurse.
She's doing things that Christ would do.
If He were here on earth.

She comforts those who are in pain,
She wipes their tears away.
Her hand upon a fevered brow,
Cools, like an ocean spray.

Her smile is like a tonic, Lord;
Refreshing as the rain.
It causes hearts to pulsate beat,
And throb, in every vein.

My nurse just walked into my room,
Her countenance is sweet.
Well...bless her heart, she has them Lord,
Christ's sandals, on her feet.