



## Day Ten

### **Awakening to God's Presence**

We need to pray every day,  
not because someone said so,  
or because some law demands it.  
We need to pray  
because we love God, and  
because we want to be blessed.  
Prayer is a relationship,  
built by love.  
It is attained through union of hearts;  
it is sustained with fidelity.  
Think of prayer, imagine prayer  
as a sort of gravitation toward God.  
Whether slow or fast,  
steady or frenetic,  
the direction remains the same.  
Our lives move toward God  
when we decide to pray,  
whatever the pace or practice we use.  
We encourage this gravitation  
by talking to God frequently.  
Just speaking God's name  
can express our love and our longing.  
We cooperate with the gravitational pull  
by calling to mind God's presence  
working within, around, and through us.  
We consent to this force of gravity  
by exploring our motives and actions,  
seeing if they match our faith.  
Prayer heightens our awareness of God.  
Prayer strengthens us for the mission.  
We need to pray every day.

### **Living by God's Grace**

Determine how and when to pray today.

### **Acknowledging God's Gifts**

May this night's rest  
sharpen my eyes to see you.  
May it clear my ears to hear you,  
and lead my heart to love you.  
Accept the day now passing  
as a prayer of longing.  
May this prayer be one with you now,  
and in the days yet to dawn.  
For tomorrow, Lord, teach me to pray  
even as you taught your disciples.  
Take my words to you  
and my thoughts of you,  
however disconnected or incomplete they may be.  
Accept my earnest attempts to praise you,  
acknowledge you, love you.  
I want to be a person of prayer.  
For this day, thank you.  
Bless this night.  
May tomorrow be a fresh beginning.

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