



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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