



Day Eleven

Awakening to God's Presence

Jesus taught us to pray:
“Your will be done on earth as in heaven.”
A simple enough teaching to hear,
more complicated to follow.
Human nature can be such that
we seek our own will, our own way,
by preference over all others, even God's.
Our will is not bad,
but on its own
it cannot go the distance.
It cannot heal our weaknesses
or fulfill our aspirations.
The sacrifice of our will
and our obedience to God's will
are a source of strength,
a pledge of hope,
and a promise of salvation.
In God's will,
darkness is dispelled,
light is born,
and we are inclined toward
discipline, humility, love.
In God's will, we can be transformed
to live something of heaven's life,
even now, even here.
We would desire nothing but God.
All our actions would be shaped by that desire.
We just need to will all this,
guided by grace, nourished by prayer.
Let us pray—and live—
as Jesus taught us.

Living by God's Grace

Pursue and practice God's will.

Acknowledging God's Gifts

May this night's rest
give me a needed break
from my own will.
I need relief from its demands and expectations,
its assumptions and tendencies.
Bless this day that is closing, Lord.
Let me recall those times when you
called and waited for my
acknowledgment and assent.
When tomorrow dawns, show me your will.
Grant me the grace, courage, and love
to embrace it and do it.
Help me to trust that it will lead me
to salvation and union with you.
I want to know and do God's will.
For this day, thank you.
Bless this night.
May tomorrow be a fresh beginning.

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