



## Day Thirteen

### Awakening to God's Presence

Each dawn heralds a new day,  
a beginning, a fresh start.  
And yet, each new day is a continuation,  
a chance to contribute once again,  
an opportunity to make a difference.  
By faith we are all construction workers  
in this great adventure of living the Gospel.  
We are building the reign of God.  
The foundations have been well laid  
by those who have gone before us.  
Our efforts continue the work already begun.  
They are part of this gradual effort.  
Some day, it will be completed  
even though we may not see it.  
We cannot do everything,  
but we must do something.  
Each worker has a contribution to make  
from experience and the expertise of personal skill.  
The stones and steps, the wood and wiring  
are prepared and arranged and set in place  
to enhance the beauty of the whole building.  
Cooperation and collaboration, born of union,  
will assure success in the project.  
It is no different for God's work—the work of  
charity that is our Christian vocation.  
Union is a powerful lever.  
We can move, direct, and sanctify the whole world,  
provided we don't allow any form of evil to interfere.  
We are workers in constructing the Gospel life.  
We must work with one another to succeed.

### Living by God's Grace

Cooperate and collaborate with others.

## Acknowledging God's Gifts

May this night's rest  
heighten my awareness  
of the gifts, talents, and skills  
I have the privilege of sharing with others.  
Deepen my desire to use all my capabilities  
as an expression of my faith in you, God.  
Deepen my hope in this world's potential for good.  
For the day now closing,  
let the efforts I have made  
be part of your own presence and activity.  
Let me be a part of transforming this world  
and preparing it for all you have promised.  
For tomorrow, may I be selfless and generous  
in sharing whatever I can, whenever I can.  
I want to work with others for the good of all.  
I want to offer all I am and do for the world's transformation.  
For this day, thank you.  
Bless this night.  
May tomorrow be a fresh beginning.

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