



## Day Fourteen

### Awakening to God's Presence

Being family, being united with others  
really begins with the small things,  
those simple interactions, often dismissed,  
as too ordinary to hold meaning.  
Practicing little courtesies  
and mutual acts of politeness  
in our encounters and discussions  
goes a long way in building unity.  
Jesus recommended love above all else.  
That requires practice in everything,  
at all times and everywhere.  
After love for God, our love for others  
is the second great commandment,  
and the root of all true union.  
There are big blessings, too,  
in being family and being united.  
It is good to seek reconciliation immediately,  
avoiding selfishness, jealousy, prejudice, pride.  
The effects of this will be quickly evident.  
We will develop for one another  
great respect, sincere esteem,  
and cordial affection, just like friends do.  
Think of what that would do for our world!  
Living our faith unites our efforts.  
And, the oneness of those efforts  
tends toward that perfect union of hearts  
which is the bond and strength of all we do.  
Our union with one another,  
if it is to be real, if it is to last,  
must be from the heart and fulfilled in the heart.

### Living by God's Grace

Work at being one with others.

## **Acknowledging God's Gifts**

May this night's rest  
deepen my longing  
for union in our world.  
Even more, may it strengthen  
my desire to be a means of unity,  
reconciliation, and peace among people.  
Bless what I have done this day.  
Let it be a part, however small,  
of your plan to bring all into union with you.  
Jesus, you prayed that your followers be one.  
May your prayer find fulfillment through me.  
Tomorrow will be a new day  
and will bring new opportunities  
to make this world a better place,  
a place worthy of a loving God.  
I want to be a part of building that place.  
For this day, thank you.  
Bless this night.  
May tomorrow be a fresh beginning.

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