



Day Twenty-Three

Awakening to God's Presence

It is of utmost importance
to be attentive
to our everyday activities.
Our destiny for eternity
can be decided—in large part—
by the choices we make in life.
Our holiness is not to be found
in extraordinary accomplishments alone.
If that were the case,
we could stop all our efforts
and declare the spiritual life impossible.
As it is, though,
God finds our holiness
in the little, ordinary acts
we do each day.
This is how we do God's work.
Our life of faith must find its way to our hands.
Then, all our actions are guided by it.
The smallest of our daily tasks
is made holy through our motives
if it is faith that guides them.
When we live our faith like this,
it will be seen clearly
in the desires of our heart,
in the works of our hands,
in the words of our mouth.
Thus, we have a share
in the very holiness of God.
We have cause to be confident—
God will not abandon us.
If we have Jesus, we have everything.

Living by God's Grace

Be attentive to the little things.

Acknowledging God's Gifts

May this night's rest
make me alert to God
in everyday actions and events,
so that I will not dismiss them
as too ordinary for faith.
Accept my work this day, God,
as the desire to see you,
and to become and live
all that you have called me to be.
Tomorrow will be your gift to me,
another day filled with
all those large and small realities
that hold great potential for holiness.
Give me the grace to do my best
in living my faith with enthusiasm.
I want to be holy.
For this day, thank you.
Bless this night.
May tomorrow be a fresh beginning.

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