



Day Twenty-Nine

Awakening to God's Presence

Jesus has taught us,
“Unless you become like little children,
you will never enter heaven.”
But how can we become children again?
How can we be reborn and begin anew?
We can be born again through grace, and
by living the example of Jesus.
The Spirit can fill us with love,
and transform our lives into God's own.
We must live that transformation;
we must live faith, hope, love.
Faith relies not on what the mind reasons,
but believes what is said by those it trusts.
So must we live.
Hope waits in confidence,
without any fear of being disappointed.
So must we live.
Love knows no selfishness;
it works always for the good of others.
This is how we must live.
The life of God is within us.
We have been given a new birth in the divine.
How can we glimpse the depth of this mystery?
We can identify with the Holy Spirit,
with Jesus, and with God.
All this is ours by grace.
We have become completely new beings,
filled with new life.
We participate in God's own nature;
eternal life is our right if our actions merit it.
Give thanks to God, then,
for this capacity to be born again
is truly alive within us.

Living by God's Grace

Transform life by accepting God's grace.

Acknowledging God's Gifts

May this night's rest
refresh my mind and heart.
I want to be attentive and alert
to the presence of God within me,
and to my call to live in that presence.
As I reflect on the day now passing,
let me see those moments when I missed
or refused God's call and work.
Sharpen my senses for the future.
Tomorrow will bring new opportunities
to believe and hope and love.
I still have opportunities to be transformed,
to live as Jesus lived.
Give me the grace, Lord,
to claim all those opportunities.
I want to transform my life.
For this day, thank you.
Bless this night.
May tomorrow be a fresh beginning.

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