



Day Nine

Awakening to God's Presence

Mission is more than meets the eye.
Hard work is involved, yes;
but it is not just about activity.
Mission and our parts in it
involve relationship, first of all.
It is all about love,
love for God, love for others.
That love is a passionate desire
to make God known, loved, and served.
We long to be models of love for others.
That is the relationship,
that is the hard work.
Such desire is to love God,
to esteem what we do,
and to care about others.
That describes the goal of our words and our actions.
Fulfilling that desire
makes us strong and gentle.
Our strength is courage and fidelity
in the face of difficulties and trials.
Our gentleness reflects the nature of God,
speaking and acting through us.
We can and must be part of such a mission.
Why? Because we are called,
because we are graced, and
because God loves us.
We must be part of this mission
because we want to be holy.
Mission is more than meets the eye.
It can be a tricky business.
But then, so is love.

Living by God's Grace

Bring love into every action, every situation, every moment.

Acknowledging God's Gifts

May this night's rest
re-ignite my desire
to love God above all else.
I want to proclaim that love
through all my actions,
however small or simple they may be.
Make up, by your grace,
for any lack and lapse
in my willingness to love today.
Please pardon me for the moments
when I chose not to love.
God, let me love anew tomorrow,
so that I may be known by love.
Whatever I do or say,
may it be your action and your word.
Through me, may others know you are near.
I want to love God and to make God known, loved, served.
For this day, thank you.
Bless this night.
May tomorrow be a fresh beginning.

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