Day Twenty-Two

Awakening to God’s Presence

Christianity is nothing else than the life of Jesus Christ made visible through our behaviors. Is this possible? Yes, our spirits can be one with his through faith. Our hearts can unite with his through love. And so, our actions can become like his. But we must be sure that we have what we need to excel in this work. Certainly, we need knowledge and a focused discipline. We must work to know ourselves; we need to know our strengths and weaknesses. Then we will be well prepared, ready and willing to do whatever God asks of us. We must correct past mistakes, and that’s never an easy task. Using whatever means are at our disposal, we can make the present holy, and so prepare for the future. Always remember that to succeed in this mission, we need only to desire it. A true, strong, and energetic will is capable of everything. We strengthen our wills with prayer. If we spend time in prayer—every day—we will obtain that strength. Prayer is a means of grace, and a key to living as Jesus did.

Living by God’s Grace
Be ready to do whatever God asks.

**Acknowledging God’s Gifts**

May this night’s rest
give me the strength
to be faithful to God’s work within me,
and open to whatever God may yet do.
Take this day now closing, God,
and all I have done with it,
as a witness of my hope and longing
to be united to you forever.
Tomorrow will bring new adventures
and other possibilities
for growth in faith and love.
Let me take up the adventures
and grasp the possibilities
as a means of knowing myself
and of loving you.
I want to do whatever God asks.
For this day, thank you.
Bless this night.
May tomorrow be a fresh beginning.

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