

MORNING MEDITATION

Thursday, Twenty Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

**Serenity within puts a smile on your face
and sustains a welcoming disposition.**

Galatians 3:1-5

Paul tried to convince the Galatians that it is faith and not the works of the law that puts a person at right with God. He said to them that they received the Holy Spirit not because they knew the law but because they heard the good news of the Gospel and received it as an act of trust. He reminded them that God blessed them generously not because of their observance of the law but because of their spirit of faith.

Luke 1:69-75

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
He has come to his people.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of his servant David.**

Luke 11:5-13

This excerpt from Luke is a parable on prayer followed by simple, clear and definite teaching on prayer. The parable is not a comparison, but a contrast. If an ordinary man, with all his limitations, would get up in the middle of the night and help a traveler because the traveler persists and keeps knocking at the door for help...what do you think God who knows and loves his children would do?

The main teaching here is that God, our Father knows our needs. So we must ask with confidence.....knowing that he knows and that he gives and that he will not hold back from his children the good things they need and that he will not fool his children with practical jokes and that he will not give his children anything that is injurious to their health.

God knows our needs and he will meet them when it is good for us and not necessarily when we think it is good for us.

Don't ask God for what you think is good.....Ask him for what he thinks is good for you.

Saint of the Day, October 8 - St. Pelagia and 16 other saints are remembered this day.

Pelagia, often known as Pelagia of Antioch, Pelagia the Penitent, and Pelagia the Harlot, was a hermit in the 4th or 5th century. She was also often called Margaret, on account of the magnificence of the pearls for which she had so often sold herself. She was an actress of Antioch, known for her beauty, her wealth, and the messy life that she lived.

During a synod at Antioch, she heard Bishop St. Nonnus of Edessa preach and was so moved by his sermon that she asked him to baptize her which he did. She gave her wealth to Nonnus to aid the poor and left Antioch dressed in men's clothing. She became a hermitess in a cave on Mount of Olivette in Jerusalem, where she lived in great austerity, performing penances and known as "the beardless monk" until her sex was discovered at her death.

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