

# **MORNING MEDITATION**

**Tuesday, Third Week of Lent**

**The most powerful thing you can say is be quiet.... Be still!**

## **Daniel 3:25, 34-43**

Azariah prays with a humble and contrite heart. He affirms his confidence that those who follow God's ways and trust in God cannot be put to shame. He prays for God's kindness, mercy and compassion for his people.

**Pray for God's compassion and mercy! Be humble and pray with confidence!**

## **Psalms 25**

**Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;  
teach me your paths,  
Guide me in your truth and teach me  
for you are God, my savior.**

## **Mathew 18:21-35**

Peter asked Jesus how often he must forgive his brother. The Rabbis taught that a man must forgive his brother three times. Peter was willing to go further than that, suggesting seven times!!! Jesus responded by suggesting seventy times seven – forgiveness without limit!!!

**We have been forgiven much! And we have been forgiven without condition! Learn to forgive from the heart!**

Jesus told them a parable about a servant who was forgiven a great debt. This servant went out and treated a fellow-servant without mercy and his unforgiving attitude was condemned!!!

**Our calling is to forgive others as we have been forgiven, without condition and without limit.**

**May forgiveness be your Easter gift – forgive yourself and others without limit!!!**

**Saint of the Day, March 10 - St. Dominic Savio and 18 other saints are remembered this day.**

Dominic Savio was born on April 2, 1842 in the village of Riva in northern Italy. He was given the name Domenico at baptism. The name Domenico means "of the Lord" and the surname Savio means "wise". His parents had ten children in all. His father was a blacksmith and his mother, a seamstress. They were poor, hardworking and pious. His parents took great care to give him a Christian upbringing. By the age of four, Dominic was able to pray by himself and was occasionally found in solitude, praying. At the age of five, he learned to serve Mass, and would try to participate at Mass every day as well as go regularly to Confession. Having been permitted to make his First Communion at an early age, he had much reverence for the Eucharist.

Dominic joined Saint John Bosco as a student at the Oratory in Turin at the age of 12. He impressed Don Bosco with his desire to be a priest and to help him in his work with neglected boys. A peacemaker and an organizer, young Dominic founded the Company of the Immaculate Conception which, besides being devotional, aided St. John Bosco with the boys and with manual work. All the members except Dominic, would, in 1859, join St. John Bosco in the beginnings of his Salesian congregation. By that time, Dominic had been called home to heaven.

As a youth, Dominic spent hours rapt in prayer. His raptures he called "my distractions." Even in play, he said that at times, "It seems heaven is opening just above me. I am afraid I may say or do something that will make the other boys laugh." Dominic would say, "I can't do big things. But I want all I do, even the smallest thing, to be for the greater glory of God."

Dominic's health, always frail, led to lung problems and he was sent home to recuperate. As was the custom of the day, he was bled in the thought that this would help, but it only worsened his condition. He died on March 9, 1857, after receiving the Last Sacraments. Some thought that Dominic was too young to be considered a saint. Saint Pius X declared that just the opposite was true and went ahead with his cause. Dominic was canonized in 1954.

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