

MORNING MEDITATIONS

Wednesday, Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

**You want peace and serenity? Do the good thing, the right thing
and the wise thing and keep doing it.**

Isaiah 10:5-7, 13-16

Isaiah prophesies a time when God will come to the aid of his people, free them from oppression and remove the foreign rulers. Powerful kings will become powerless before God. God is in control.

Psalms 94

**The LORD does know human plans; they are only puffs of air.
Happy those whom you guide, LORD, whom you teach by your instruction.
You give them rest from evil days, while a pit is being dug for the wicked.
You, LORD, will not forsake your people, nor abandon your very own.**

Matthew 11:25-27

Jesus praises his heavenly Father for revealing himself to the simple and the humble. The message and the wisdom of God are not understood by human wisdom and understanding, but by the revelation of God... "No one knows the Father but the son and anyone to whom the son wishes to reveal him."

The learned, the clever and the intelligent men of the time did not accept Jesus and his message. They had no use for him.

The simple people welcomed him and his word. Jesus praised his heavenly father for this wonderful gift of revelation to the simple and the humble. God is known through God's self revelation.

Be simple! Be humble! Be open and listen to God as he reveals himself to you!

**Saint of the Day, July 15 - St. Bonaventure and 35 other saints are
remembered this day.**

St. Bonaventure was born in 1221 at Bagnoregio in Umbria, then part of the Papal States. Almost nothing is known of his childhood. He was baptized John but received the name Bonaventure when he became of a Franciscan. He entered the Franciscan Order

in 1243 and studied at the University of Paris. After having successfully defended his order against the reproaches of the anti-mendicant party, he was elected Minister General of the Franciscan Order. On November 24, 1265, he was selected for the post of Archbishop of York; however, he was never consecrated and resigned the appointment in October 1266.

Bonaventure was instrumental in securing the election of Pope Gregory X, who rewarded him with the title of Cardinal Bishop of Albano, and insisted on his presence at the great Second Council of Lyon in 1274. There, after his significant contributions led to a union of the Greek and Latin churches, Bonaventure died suddenly on July 15, 1274 and in suspicious circumstances. There is a theory that he was poisoned. He was canonized on April 14, 1482

He steered the Franciscans on a moderate and intellectual course that made them the most prominent order in the Catholic Church until the coming of the Jesuits. His theology was marked by an attempt completely to integrate faith and reason. He thought of Christ as the "one true master" who offers humans knowledge that begins in faith, is developed through rational understanding, and is perfected by mystical union with God.

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