

Bread for the Journey: May 27, 2020  
Part 16: "In this Place. . .Please Pray with Me"

## Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled, as to console;

To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved, as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive,

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

~ St. Francis of Assisi

*Please listen...*

## **Peace Prayer**

*Composed by Little Portion and John Michael Talbott, and performed by John Michael Talbott.*

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Following the assassination of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King in April, 1968, and before his own assassination in June of the same year, Robert F. Kennedy quoted his favorite poet Aeschylus: “In our sleep, pain which cannot forget falls drop by drop upon the heart, until, in our own despair, against our will, comes wisdom through the awful grace of God.” Kennedy then added, “Let us dedicate ourselves to what the Greeks wrote so many years ago: to tame the savageness of man and make gentle the life of this world.”



*Bleeding hearts plant outside the parsonage in May 2020.*

*Please, please listen...*

[Ubi Caritas](#)

*Composed by Ola Gjeilo.*

*Where charity and love prevail,  
there God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ's love,  
by love are we thus bound.*

*With grateful joy and holy fear  
His charity we learn;  
Let us with heart and mind and soul  
now love him in return.*

*Forgive we now each other's faults  
as we our faults confess;  
And let us love each other well  
in Christian holiness.*

*Let strife among us be unknown,  
let all contention cease;  
Be His the glory that we seek,  
be ours His holy peace.*

*Let us recall that in our midst  
dwells God's begotten Son;  
As members of His body joined,  
we are in Him made one.*

***No race or creed can love exclude,  
if honored be God's name;  
Our family embraces all  
whose Father is the same.***

## **Meditation for the Day, June 2nd**

You cannot believe in God and keep your selfish ways. The old self shrivels up and dies, and upon the re-born soul God's image becomes stamped. The gradual elimination of selfishness in the growth of love for God and your fellow human beings is the goal of life. At first, you have only a faint likeness to the Divine, but the picture grows and takes on more and more of the likeness of God until those who see you can see in you some of the power of God's grace at work in a human life.

## **Prayer for the Day**

I pray that I may develop that faint likeness I have to the Divine. I pray that others may see in me some of the power of God's grace at work.

*Quoted from the app Twenty-Four Hours a Day.  
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