

Sisters and Brothers, may the gifts of the Holy Spirit enable our response to God's call.

Living our Covenant - As we continue holding off meeting as a Community, we pray for each other and look for creative ways to grow spiritually and fully live our covenant. Please continue prayers, not just for an end to this pandemic but for God's power to be poured out such that His perfect will will be revealed, and the nations will come to know Him in a personal way. May His will be done in our time.

On our calls the coordinators continue to express a desire to support one another in living our covenant despite our need to be apart. Our request is that we each preserve both in terms of prioritizing spiritual development as well as reaching out to covenant brothers and sisters to continue growing our relationships. Please utilize our website www.GodsDelight.org and the resources we have collected and referenced there in this challenge. Please continue sharing the Spiritual Gifts with one another and with the Coordinators and please let us know if you have unmet needs that your covenant sisters and brothers can help with.

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Reflection - Each week I read the mass readings and ask the Holy Spirit to speak a particular word to encourage us. Not surprisingly Rom 8:28 spoke loud and clear during these unprecedented times. The words "*all things work for good for those who love God*" provide clear comfort and hope. As a young adult God proved this promise to me in an undeniable way. Each of us can look back and see God's hand calling us into a personal relationship and blessing and protecting us. It is this confident assurance, this hope, that our world so desperately needs. Let us love God as He calls so that we can be His witnesses shining a light on how He is at work and how all things are and will work for good!

It was this love at work in those who gathered for the early prayer meetings that witnessed to me. Our heavenly Father is SO in love with us, desperately knocking

at the door of our hearts, asking us to let Him in. The knock may come through the witness of another, or it may come through a sovereign touch. However His knock comes, He is trying to reveal Himself and His great love. What does He ask?

The answer comes from the parables in Mathew 13:44-46 where we hear about the joy that prompted the selling of everything to buy the field and the pearl of great price. The message is clear. God is asking nothing short of total and complete surrender. He is asking us to let go and fall into His arms. To give up all worry, all concern, all burdens...and just trust in Him alone.

This is the key to the Kingdom of Heaven...not trying to get there on our own. Not trying to accumulate things, or comfort, or a name. Not trying to isolate ourselves from the challenges of life. The Kingdom of heaven is selling everything, giving over everything to secure our relationship with our Lord. This is the witness that I saw in those early days and see again and again when we gather, as we praise, as we pray, as we love and care for one other.

The secret is that the more we let go, the more God pours out upon us and not only does He change our hearts to not want what the world offers but He richly and bountifully blesses us, just as He did Solomon and even more so. Solomon asked for the gift of wisdom. What God gives you and me, in His Spirit, are the sevenfold gifts of: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. Empowered with these gifts we have all we need for this life and the one to come!

Let us pray together *"Heavenly Father, I love You and I give my whole life to You. I claim Your promise that all things will work for good and ask that You reveal Yourself in this time and heal our land and lead Your people back to You. Reveal to me how I can cooperate with what You are about. I give up everything and totally and completely surrender to You and to Your perfect will. Change my heart, give me Your heart so that I can love You and my sisters and brothers with Your love through the power of Your Holy Spirit. Please give me each and every gift of Your Spirit that I need to say Yes to You today and every day. Amen."*

God bless,
David