

Sisters and Brothers, may our Lord provide for all our needs as we rest in His love.

Living our Covenant - We continue to not meet as a Community however we are investing in prayer and in loving and serving one another as much as we can safely do. We pray for an outpouring of His Holy Spirit, that He will heal our land and rid us of this virus and that we will see His hand in turning the hearts of those who do not know Him. We pray that we will each do our part.

Our website www.GodsDelight.org provide many resources to aid our spiritual growth. My men's group started a new book Jacques Philippe's The Eight Doors of the Kingdom. I have been very blessed in reading and reflecting on his meditations of the beatitudes. If you are looking for something new to start, I can heartily recommend it.

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 - In praying through the reading today it is easy to focus on the 'provision' messages in the First Reading, the Responsorial Psalm, and the Gospel. Especially during times of difficulty, we want the assurance that as we come to God He will provide...which He will. But, what spoke to me the strongest was the passion of Paul in his letter to the Romans. Listen to his resolve (Rom 8:35, 37-39): *What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

What stood out the most in these verses was the passion, the strong conviction, the confidence with which Paul states his belief that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We have all been taught the lies that come from the world, the flesh, and the devil and their collective efforts to attack us, condemn us, belittle us, or simply ignore us. Maybe we are our own worst enemy and condemn ourselves. Regardless, read again the verses from Paul. Note his conviction and his attempt to be very very clear that there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And if we are loved by Him, then will He not provide for us? The God of the universe loves us. Each of us. The God of the universe wants an ever deeper personal relationship with us. He invites us to come to Him heedfully and to listen that we may have life and live anew in His everlasting covenant.

My exhortation this week is simple. Find quite time to ponder the abundant love of our Father, His desire to love each of us unconditionally, and just rest in that place. No requirements, no conditions, just rest in the confident assurance of God's abiding love for us.

If this presents a challenge, think back to our first love, on our decision to give our lives to Him, on the many blessings of our lives, and see His hand loving us. Remain with the Lord and allow His love to envelop us to the point where we too can say with the same conviction as Paul that nothing can separate me from the love of Christ...*not anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword and that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord!*

Let us pray together *"Heavenly Father, I receive your unconditional love. I seek to always remain in Your love. Please continue to pour out Your abundant love on me, I am open and I receive it. I release anything that might be holding me back*

from fully receiving and living in Your love. I love You and thank You for loving me.

Amen."

God bless,

David