



## Day 22: FIRST THINGS FIRST

John 16:7

Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

### **DAY 22 MORNING PRAYER:**

#### **Psalm 11**

**Yahweh is in his holy temple; Yahweh is on his heavenly throne.**

<sup>1</sup> In the LORD I take refuge.

How then can you say to me:

“Flee like a bird to your mountain.

<sup>2</sup> For look, the wicked bend their bows;  
they set their arrows against the strings  
to shoot from the shadows  
at the upright in heart.

**Yahweh is in his holy temple; Yahweh is on his heavenly throne.**

<sup>3</sup> When the foundations are being destroyed,  
what can the righteous do?”

<sup>4</sup> The LORD is in his holy temple;  
the LORD is on his heavenly throne.

He observes everyone on earth;  
his eyes examine them.

**Yahweh is in his holy temple; Yahweh is on his heavenly throne.**

<sup>5</sup> The LORD examines the righteous,  
but the wicked, those who love violence,  
he hates with a passion.

<sup>6</sup> On the wicked he will rain  
fiery coals and burning sulfur;  
a scorching wind will be their lot.

**Yahweh is in his holy temple; Yahweh is on his heavenly throne.**

<sup>7</sup> For the LORD is righteous,  
he loves justice;  
the upright will see his face.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.  
Amen.**

**Yahweh is in his holy temple; Yahweh is on his heavenly throne.**

## **MEDITATION**

ENJOY THE GREATEST GIFT YOU HAVE EVER RECEIVED, HEART OF MY LONGING. Once you begin to move more and more in the gifts that I long to give you, you will find it to be extremely enjoyable to watch others receive My blessing and their life changing because you let Me use you. Stand in faith that you will see the sick healed through the gifts of healing. Be sure that I will use you to speak a word of prophecy to a soul that has never heard Me tell them of My love. You will command demons to cease and desists in their foul treatment. I will use you in ways that you have not even imagined, Disciple of Jesus. In all of this you must keep this tucked in your heart – our relationship must be the delight and source of your days. Many have run head long into ministry, doing great and mighty things, but, in the long run, losing their intimate relationship with Me. I am the greatest gift that Jesus has given to you and for you. I am the gift of Jesus. He could have stayed with you, walking at your side, his thoughts separate from your thoughts, his heart separate from your heart, but he has done something amazing. In his death and resurrection he has gone to the Father to make his most powerful and important prayer, *“Father, may they have our Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Love, to dwell within them so that my thoughts may be their thoughts and my heart may be their heart.”* Have I not taught you that you are My Temple, My Dwelling Place? Jesus, in giving you the gift of Myself has given you his very life. There could be no greater gift, could there? Do you believe that in Jesus is all that you need and that all that you need has ben given to you in Me?

Let your spirit begin to swell with gratitude for the gift of who I am in your life and in gratitude to Jesus for all he paid in his bitter passion and death that you might have Me. That for which your heart gives thanks is a principle of increase in the Kingdom. As we grow in relationship with one another you will see how blessed I am to have you and you are to have Me, Heart of My Longing. I am not only with you always. I am in you always. Because I dwell within all I am and have is within you. It is as if you are a storehouse of the treasures of heaven. As a matter of fact, that is what I will call you – Storehouse of the Treasury of Heaven. With the gift of Me in your life, why would you ever fret? Why would you ever think that you are in want? Why would you ever think you are alone? If your thoughts are other than standing in the peace of the promises, then maybe is it because you do not see and understand the gift Jesus has given you in Me. Let me give you eyes to see and a heart to believe, My beloved.

## **JOURNAL EXERCISE:**

What thoughts or feelings come to you as you consider today’s mediation?

What are some of the gifts the Holy Spirit has given you?

Write a prayer to the Father asking for the grace of gratitude for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Spend some time worshipping and giving thanks for the gift of the Spirit.

### **Spiritual Exercise**

Throughout the day make it your constant aim to pray the Declaration for the Day.

Try to memorize the scripture for today.

With whom can you share today's experience with the Holy Spirit?

## **DECLARATION FOR DAY 22:**

Throughout the day come back to this prayer and pray it from your heart.

Every day my heart  
is growing in gratitude  
for the greatest gift I have ever received – the  
gift of the Holy Spirit.



## **DAY 22 EVENING PRAYER:**

John 16:7

Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

### **Prayer for the Sanctification Gifts of the Spirit**

Come, Holy Spirit,

fall afresh on us with all your heavenly graces.

Grant to me an increase of

**Fear of the Lord** that I stand before you with great honor and respect;

Grant to me an increase of

**Piety** that I might enjoy the gift of you being my Father and me being your son/daughter.

Grant to me an increase of

**Counsel** so that I might know your will.

Grant to me an increase of

**Wisdom** that I might know how to do your will, when to do your will, where to do your will, and with whom to do your will.

Grant to me an increase of

**Fortitude** that I might do your will with your strength for I am unable to do your will with my strength.

Grant to me an increase of

**Knowledge** that I might know beyond knowing, in the depths of my being that your truths are truly true.

Grant to me an increase of

**Understanding** that I might comprehend the knowledge of you that is beyond human understanding.

### **REVIEW OF DAY:**

What sticks out to you from today's encounter with the Holy Spirit?

How do you think today's encounter with the Holy Spirit will affect your life?

With whom did you share today's encounter? How did they respond?

## **Prayer of Cardinal Mercier to the Holy Spirit**

O Holy Spirit  
Beloved of my soul  
I adore you.  
Enlighten Me  
Guide Me,  
strengthen Me and Console me.  
Tell me what I ought to do  
and command me to do it.  
I promise to submit to everything  
that you ask of me  
and to accept all  
that you allow to happen to me.  
Just show me what is your will.

### **Further Thoughts:**