



DAY 34: GENEROSITY

John 3:16

For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not
perish but have eternal life.

DAY 34 MORNING PRAYER:

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.

¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us—

² so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.

³ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.

⁴ May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.

⁵ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.

⁶ The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.

⁷ May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

**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.

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.

MEDITATION

GENROSITY MAKES YOU LOOK LIKE ME, HEART OF MY LONGING. As time goes by, you becoming closer to Me and I to you, as our relationship deepens, you will discover things about Me that you will find to be surprising. It is not that you will necessarily learn new things about Me. Most things about Me you already know. In our time together what will happen is I will open your eyes to see deeper and deeper into who I am and who you are.

Generosity is one area about Me where I hope to cause you to stand in awe and gratitude. Look again at today's scripture as in it you will find a description of My character. My love for the world is so immense that I could not, in seeing the need of humanity, but give to it what it needed – Jesus. As we journey together, I hope you will be able to more fully say of Me, “I am amazed at the Holy Spirit. He is so generous.” I, also, hope that I will be able to say of you the same. Generosity is at the heart of love. As I said on an early day, love necessitates the giving of self to the other. Love also necessitates that when one gives out of love, the giving is generous, holding nothing back, giving all in sacrifice. When you look at a crucifix see it for what it is. It is the sign, like never before seen or to be seen again, of complete, unreserved generosity. See all of Us – Father, Son, and Me - at the Cross saying to you that all that we have is yours, absolutely, completely, utterly yours. When you look to the Cross there is no need for you to ever wonder if We want to supply all your needs. We are here and ready to give to you to the point of you being overwhelmed. I must admit that it is exciting to Me, filling My heart with fantastic joy, when someone realizes how truly blessed they are by My generosity. When you realize My generosity, the natural response will be gratitude. Grateful souls are souls who see clearly how loved they are by Me and how much I have given to them and how much more I am willing to give to them. In reply, all that can be done is for you to say, *“Thank you!”*

Be like us, Heart of My Longing. Give! Give! Give! After you think that you have given enough then give more. The soul that is generous can freely be generous because they know that I am their supply and I have plenty. Boy, is that an understatement. Ask Me to bring to you opportunities to be generous. I want you to have My joy that comes from generosity, not from possessing. I want you to know what it is like to be free of worry because there is enough. When I bring you someone do not ask the question if they are worthily needy for what you have to give them. That is not the way of love, nor is it coming from a heart that trust Me to provide for you. Be generous, then sit back and watch My hand move on your behalf. You will come to see a pattern of Me giving to you, you giving to another, which then moves Me to give to you. By living a life of generosity, others will see Us, the One, True God who is love, and you will be freed of the lie that there is not enough. Let me put this in an uncomplicated way – I have plenty, so give and watch Me supply.

JOURNAL EXERCISE:

In what ways are you generous?

I what ways could you be more generous?

Write a prayer to the Holy Spirit asking for the grace to be more generous and ask Him to show you with whom you can be more generous:

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 34:

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

All I have is a gift from the Holy Spirit,
and all I give
is a gift from the Holy Spirit.



DAY 34 EVENING PRAYER:

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Veni Creator

Come, O Creator Spirit blest!
And in our souls take up Your rest;
Come with Your grace and heavenly aid,
To fill the hearts which You hast made.

Great Paraclete! To You we cry,
O highest gift of God most high! O font of life! O fire of love!
And sweet anointing from above.

You in Your sevenfold gifts art known,
The finger of God's hand we own;
The promise of the Father, You!
Who dost the tongue with power endow.

Kindle our senses from above,
And make our hearts overflow with love;
With patience firm and virtue high the weakness of our flesh supply.
Far from us drive the foe we dread,
And grant us Your true peace instead;
So shall we not, with You for guide,
Turn from the path of life aside.

Oh, may Your grace on us bestow
The Father and the Son to know,
And You, through endless times confessed,
Of both, the eternal Spirit blest.
All glory while the ages run
Be to the Father and the Son Who rose from death;
the same to You,
O Holy Ghost, eternally.
Amen.

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 for the Theological Virtues

Holy Spirit,
strengthen my faith;
increase my hope;
and deepen my love.

Further Thoughts: