

A Prayer for Vision: Our Aspiration

Let us remember...that we are in the holy presence of God

Reader 1: God wills not only that all come to the knowledge of truth but also that all be saved. He cannot truly desire this without providing the means for it and, therefore, without giving children the teachers who will assist them in the fulfillment of his plan. This, says Saint Paul, is the field that God cultivates, the building that he is raising, and you are the ones whom he has chosen to help in this work by announcing to these children the Gospel of his Son and the truths that are contained in it. (Meditation 193.3 third point)

What is the truth contained in it?

Reader 2: A reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 8:35-39

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And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pause for reflection: How are we the face of this unconditional love?

Leader: "Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life." (Psalm 143:8)

"Let **love** and faithfulness never leave; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart." (Proverbs 3:3-4)

Response Psalm 103: The Love of God (prayed in choir – Group A and Group B)

A: Praise the LORD, my soul!
All my being, praise his holy name!
Praise the LORD, my soul,
and do not forget how kind he is.
He forgives all my sins
And heals all my disease
He keeps me from the grave
And blesses me with love and mercy.

B: He fills my life with good things
so that I stay young and strong like an eagle
The Lord judges in favor of the oppressed
And gives them their rights.
He revealed his plans to Moses
And let the people of Israel
see his mighty deeds.

A: The LORD is merciful and loving,
slow to become angry and full of constant love.
He does not keep on rebuking;
he is not angry forever.

B: He does not punish us as we deserve
Or repay us according to our sins and wrongs.
As high as the sky is above the earth,
So great is his love for those who honor him.

A: As far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our sins from us.
As a father is kind to his children,
so the LORD is kind to those who honor him.

B: He knows what we are made of;
He remembers that we are dust.
As for us, our life is like grass
We grow and flourish like a wild flower;
Then the wind blows and it is gone.

A: But for those who honor the LORD,
his love lasts forever,
and his goodness endures for all generations
to those who are true to his covenant
and who faithfully obey his commands.

**ALL: Praise the Lord all creation
Praise the Lord, my soul!**

**St. John Baptist de La Salle...pray for us
Live Jesus in our hearts...forever**