



Daily Prayer

May 1

Reading:

“Happiness”—“So early it’s still almost dark out. I’m near the window with coffee and the usual early morning stuff that passes for thought, when I see the boy and his friend walking up the road to deliver the newspaper.....They wear caps and sweaters, and one boy has a bag over his shoulder. They are so happy..... They aren’t saying anything, these boys. I think if they could, they would take each other’s arm.....It’s early in the morning, and they are doing this thing together.....They come on, slowly. The sky is taking on light, though the moon still hangs pale over the water.....such beauty that for a minute death and ambition, even love, doesn’t enter into this.....Happiness. It comes on unexpectedly. And goes beyond, really, any early morning talk about it.

Raymond Carver, American writer and poet. 1938-88

Prayer:

To be able to find happiness, O God, that is my desire, and my prayer is that this day I may have an eye for the simplest delights; the revealing moments in which all that complicates life moves to the side, like the parting of waters, and I can see the transcendent joys that you place right there in my path.

Amen

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