

THE PARISH LIGHT

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Desiderata

Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender, Be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly, and listen to others – Even the dull and ignorant, they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons – they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter, For always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career – However humble, it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is. Many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection, neither be cynical about love. For in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, It is as perennial as the grass. Take kindly the council of the years, Gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune, But do not distress yourself with imaginings – Many fears are borne of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe. No less than the trees and the stars, you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, No doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore, be at peace with God, whatever you conceive him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, Keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy.

..... Author unknown

Whenever I am stressed, I find Desiderata a real comfort....jan

Sing!

Praise the Lord in joyful song,
Praise Him, Praise Him all day long.
But what of me, I cannot sing;
I have no melody to bring?
Then read again, oh joy of joys,
The Lord said, "Make a joyful noise."

PRAYER

The Lord always hears our prayers,
But He does not always say, "Yes!"
Sometimes He says, "No"
For He has something better for us.

God's delays are not denials,
He has heard your prayer;
He knows all about your trials,
Knows your every care.

God's delays are not denials,
Help is on the way, He is watching o'er life's dials,
Bringing forth that day.

God's delays are not denials,
You will find Him true,
Working through the darkest trials,
What is best for you.



"The sermon was good, but I think
you could've used a couple jokes
to jazz it up a bit."

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Kids Interpretation of the Bible

The first book of the Bible is Guinessis, in which Adam & Eve were created from an apple tree.

Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.

Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day and a ball of fire by night.

Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.

Unleavened bread is bread made without ingredients.

Moses went to the top of Mt. Cyanide to get the 10 commandments.

The 7th commandment is 'Thou shalt not admit adultery.'

Joshua let the Hebrew in the battle of Geritol.

David fought the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times.

Solomon has 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

The people who followed Jesus were called the 13 decibels

The Epistles were the wivesw of the Apostles

One of the opposums was St Matthew

Paul preached the holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage

A Godly person should only have one wife. This is called monotony.



What I Could Do If I Really Wanted To

If I wanted to, I could help make this church the most wide awake and working church in all the world

If I wanted to, I could show more devotion in worship and receive much more good from the services myself.

If I wanted to, I could visit members who are sick or home bound and find other ways of helping them

If I wanted to, I could profit more from the sermon by not resenting the truth when it reveals some of my weaknesses.

If I wanted to, I could attend Bible studies regularly and encourage others to do the same.

If I wanted to, I could tell others about Christ and His church and lead them to him.

Of course, this all depends on what I want to do. I could be an honored servant of the greatest of all kings.

I have the ability – if I really want to.



"If you're ever headed the wrong way in life, remember the road to Heaven allows U-turns."

STRENGTH FOR THE ASKING

A little boy was having a hard time lifting a heavy stone. His father asked,

“Are you using all your strength?”

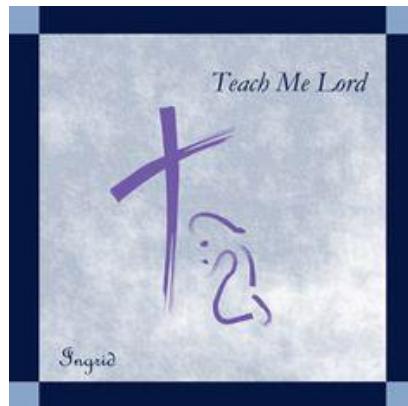
“Yes, I am,” the boy replied.

“No, you’re not,” said the father. “I’m right here waiting, and you haven’t asked me to help.”

When we are faced with a problem that seems unsolvable or a burden that is

Too heavy, we might ask ourselves, “Are we using all our strength?”

Our Father, too, is waiting to help.



A PRECIOUS FRIEND

I think that God will never send

A gift so precious as a friend'

A friend who always understands

And fills each need as it demands'

Whose loyalty will stand the test,

When skies are bright or overcast;

who sees the faults that merit blame.

But keeps on loving just the same;

Who does far more than creeds could do

To make us good, to make us true,

Earth's gifts a sweet enjoyment lend

But only God can give a friend

Important Notice!

The Parish Prayer Chain needs volunteers! Currently we are looking for a leader who updates and emails prayer requests to other prayer chain members on a monthly basis.

A few years ago, there were 11 members on the Prayer Chain who regularly meet once a month to assemble the requests and pray daily to God that “His will be done”.

We ask again that the members of the congregations become involved in this divine exercise.

We receive the requests for prayer. We submit them to the other members of the Chain. We list them and circulate the lists on a confidential basis to the other members so anyone requesting prayer can submit their requests and keep in touch with “their sponsor” with confidence.

The sponsor is a member of the Chain that “updates” their request and prayerfully reports the work of the Holy Spirit, in confidence to the other Chain members. It is a “low key” but very important task of the volunteer. An hour, perhaps more per day, by each member of the chain keeps it going.

The Prayer Chain Leader spends more time editing and monitoring this mission of the church. Jesus commands us to enter into your “prayer” closet and pray to God quietly ...such as “Our Father Which art in heaven....”

Prayer consists of ... meditation and contemplation.” The saints describe it as... reflection upon a particular truth...the mind of Christ...a bible passage and reasoning. “..not just words of the mouth but a song of the heart...nor the sound of the lips but a movement of joy...it is the harmony not of voice but of wills....God listens and according to his will He answers prayer.”

You can count on that! It’s a very satisfying experience.

If you find it on your heart to volunteer for this satisfying task, please contact Joyce Wilson at 780-698-2620 or email joyceken@xplornet.com

