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Daily Reflections

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IN MY HOUSE

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Today's Gospel

Jesus entered the temple area and proceeded to drive out those who were selling things, saying to them,

*"It is written, **My house shall be a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves.**"*

And every day he was teaching in the temple area.

The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people, meanwhile, were seeking to put him to death,

but they could find no way to accomplish their purpose because all the people were hanging on his words.

LUKE 19-48

Reflection

Thanksgiving blessings linger in my mind and heart today -- while my heart is

also burdened with concern for all who suffer aggression. The gospel for today causes me to seek a similar cleansing in our very wounded and violence-strewn nation and global community. Hatred, hostility, greed, and oppression can only be driven out by love, self-gift, goodness, and respect for the dignity of each person. The response rests in the heart, the attitude, the action, and the prayer of people of good will everywhere.

Gratitude disrupts negative thoughts and makes room for grace to flourish. So let us pray with an attitude of gratitude again today. May grateful praises ring out! Send forth from our living and praying the hope for peace, right relationship, and an end to all hostility, remembering God's desire for us and all of creation: "*My house shall be a house of prayer*, not a den of thieves." We are the "house" of God! I ask the Holy One to transform me and the hearts of humankind everywhere to respect the dignity of all and live in gratitude -- that all may be One.

G GOODNESS: MAY I REALIZE GOD'S GOODNESS IS RUNNING AFTER ME ALL THE TIME.

R RADIANCE: MAY THE RADIANCE OF GOD'S ABIDING PRESENCE FILL MY BEING.

A ATTITUDE: MAY I LIVE WITH AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE, KNOWING ALL IS GIFT.

T THOUGHTFUL: MAY I CONSCIOUSLY STRIVE TO BE THOUGHTFUL OF ANOTHER'S DIGNITY

I INSIGHT: MAY I BE OPEN TO INSIGHT INTO MY MOTIVATIONS THROUGH DAILY PRAYER.

T TRANSFORMATION: MAY I SEEK GOD'S TRANSFORMING PRESENCE IN MY LIFE.

U UNITY: MAY I SEEK UNITY, LETTING GO OF ALL THAT SEPARATES ME FROM GOD/OTHERS

D DAYS OF GRACE: MAY I STRIVE TO LIVE A GRACE-FILLED LIFE, CURBING MY EGO WANTS.

E ENGAGE: MAY I STRIVE TO FULLY ENGAGE ALL RELATIONSHIPS IN LIFE-GIVING WAYS.

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