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Daily Reflections

Journeying through Lent



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BE PERFECT

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The Verse Before Today's Gospel

*Behold, now is a very acceptable time;
behold, now is the day of salvation.*

2 CORINTHIANS 6:2b

Reflection

The Scriptures today urge us to model our relationships on our relationship with God. This is Lent, a time of reflection, penance leading to conversion, and recommitment to the ways of God. The Sacred Scriptures provide encouraging guidance for us.

Moses relates God's desire for the people: *"This day the LORD, your God, commands you to observe these statutes and decrees. Be careful, then, to observe them with all your heart and with all your soul."* (Deuteronomy

Jesus said to his disciples: “You have heard that it was said, *You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy*. But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father.” (Matthew 5:43)

I know these commands quite well and desire to live in the ways of God. AND there is always room for more conscious integration of God’s ways in my daily life. I am not alone; rather, I live in and among people and creation.

During Lent the Word of God offers a means to consider my attitude and manner of being in relationship with my dear neighbor, who is the person standing next to me and whom I encounter. How inclusive am I of people who differ from me? It is too easy to fall into critical judgment of others, or to gossip revealing my opinions critiquing their behavior, or manner of speech or dress or differing ideas. Some thoughts are better kept to myself, and disengaged as fast as possible.

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The gospel today ends with the command to “***be perfect as God is perfect.***” That is, to LOVE as God LOVES. I pray to be more steadfast and consistent in being more like God who is respectful, compassionate, merciful, and all-inclusive in love for all creation.



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For Pondering

- What does it mean for me to love as God loves?
 - What are my attitudes, assumptions, and situations that cause me to sin, or be less than loving as God loves?
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For Prayer

*O Lord,
I am sorry for having offended you.
I am aware of my faults, failings, and sin
that are so contrary to your invitation to love as you love.
I seek to be one in and with you, loving God.
Open my soul to your gracious presence and grace
so that I may more steadfastly mirror your love, compassion, and mercy
in my living and relating.
I am grateful for the many gifts with which I have been blessed.
You are all good and deserving of all my love.
Make my heart like your own.
Amen!*

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