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A PROMISE

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Today's Responsorial Psalm

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

PSALM 105:8a

Reflection

How special are we that God would make a promise to us and remember it for all eternity.

It stirs up a warm feeling in my heart to know that God values us enough to give us reminders that the promise hasn't been broken -- such as the rainbow.

Every time I see a rainbow I feel loved and special because someone as amazing as the Creator took the time to to create something beautiful and magnificent to remind us of the promise made to us.

I try my best to be honest with others and consider the current situation I am in when making promises because I don't like when promises are broken. Sometimes it is not an easy task to fulfill a promise. In those times, I try to think about the promises God has delivered to me throughout the prayers and faith I have given.

Back when I first started praying to God in the form of asking for things, I would often find myself saying, "If you do this for me, I will do that for you."

Most of the time God would answer my prayer, but rarely did I keep my promise to complete the task I said I would do. Then one day I realized that I didn't want a purely transactional relationship with God. I wanted a relationship built upon trust -- and I wanted God to trust in me as I much as I do in God's words and promise.



Rainbow After Sunset Photo by Pixabay

For Pondering

- What promises have I kept/broken? How did they impact my relationships with others?
- What promises has God delivered to me? What promises have I fulfilled for God?

For Prayer

O Lord, we ask for a boundless confidence and trust in Your divine mercy, and the courage to accept the crosses and sufferings which bring immense goodness to our souls and that of Your Church.

Help us to love You with a pure and contrite heart, and to humble ourselves beneath Your cross, as we climb the mountain of holiness, carrying our cross that leads to heavenly glory.

May we receive You with great faith and love in Holy Communion, and allow You to act in us, as You desire, for Your greater glory.

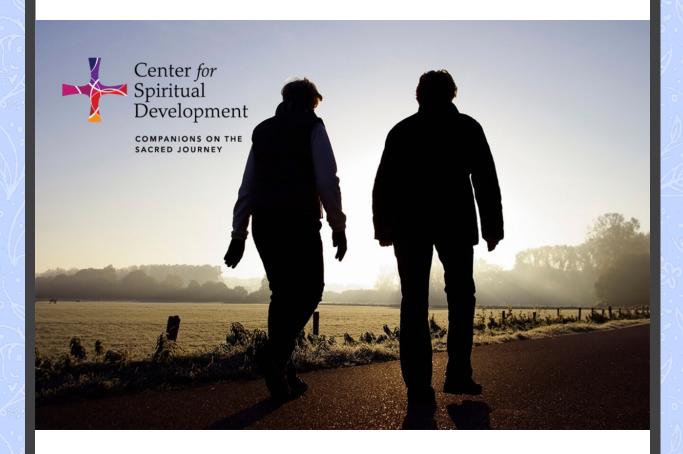
O Jesus, most adorable heart and eternal fountain of Divine Love, may our prayer find favor before the Divine Majesty of Your Heavenly Father.

Amen.

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