

DAY TWO READING AND PRAYERS

Morning Reading

Scripture Text: 1 Corinthians 1:26-2:5

“If I had been given the same chance as other people, I would not be silent, whatever the reward. If I seem to some to be too forward, with my lack of knowledge and my even slower tongue, still it is written: ‘Stammering tongues will quickly learn to speak peace.’ How much more should we want to do this, who are, as it is said, a saving letter of Christ even to the ends of the earth. Although it is not well expressed, still this letter is genuinely and strongly written in your hearts, not with ink, but with the spirit of the living God. The Spirit is a witness that what is of the countryside is also created by the Most High!

“So I am first of all a simple country person, a refugee, and unlearned. I do not know how to provide for the future. But this I know for certain, that before I was brought low, I was like a stone lying deep in the mud. Then he who is powerful came and in his mercy pulled me out, and lifted me up and placed me on the very top of the wall. That is why I must shout aloud in return to the Lord for such great good deeds of his, here and now and forever, which the human mind cannot measure.” *Confession 11, 12*

Morning Prayer

I am but a child and a little lost lamb, like all humans, in your sight, Lord. I am a 'hick' and a country 'bumpkin.' Who can compare to you, God? When you rescued me from the mire of myself, I was even more ignorant — and now, in your merciful transformation and our eventual glorification, I am even more humbled! Wow, God! I will never shut up about your goodness!

Noon Reading

“So be amazed, all you people great and small who fear God! You well-educated people in authority, listen and examine this carefully. Who was it who called one as foolish as I am from the middle of those who are seen to be wise and experienced in law and powerful in speech and in everything? If I am most looked down upon, yet he inspired me, before others, so that I would faithfully serve the nations with awe and reverence and without blame: the nations to whom the love of Christ brought me. His gift was that I would spend my life, if I were worthy of it, to serving them in truth and with humility to the end.”

Confession 13

Noon Prayer

I couldn't care less if people look down on me or not, Lord, or if they're academicians or executives, I know what I know: you have been my God and you have been good to me.

Evening Reading

Scripture Text: Matthew 7:24-27

“In the knowledge of this faith in the Trinity, and without letting the dangers prevent it, it is right to make known the gift of God and his eternal consolation. It is right to spread abroad the name of God faithfully and without fear, so that even after my death I may leave something of value to the many thousands of my brothers and sisters — the children whom I baptized in the Lord.

“I didn’t deserve at all that the Lord would grant such great grace, after hardships and troubles, after captivity, and after so many years among that people. It was something which, when I was young, I never hoped for or even thought of.” *Confession 14, 15*

Evening Prayer

You are my portion, God, and my inheritance. For that reason, I will leave as a legacy my allegiance to Jesus, my Lord, through whom you have made known the experience of supernatural life, and granted the promise of the kingdom. I forswear confidence in wealth as an illusion. Instead, I entrust the good news of Christ as my testament to survivors and successors, by you helping them — so help me God.