



# Daily Reflections

**June 23, 2017**

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## Scripture

### **Matthew 11: 25-30**

At that time Jesus exclaimed:

"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
for although you have hidden these things  
from the wise and the learned  
you have revealed them to little ones.

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father.

No one knows the Son except the Father,  
and no one knows the Father except the Son  
and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,  
for I am meek and humble of heart;  
and you will find rest for yourselves.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

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## Our Scripture Reflection

Jesus' words had certainly been soothing to the "little ones" ,that is, the uneducated but sincere people who had wanted nothing more than to enjoy Heaven some day. But they felt locked out, and therefore, heavily burdened by the way of the arrogant scribes who argued that their system of hundreds

of laws had to be obeyed to the letter. Jesus described His way as "easy" and "light." His way? Love of God, love of neighbor and love of self.

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## **Food for your Journey**

Tradition, G.K. Chesterton once said, is the "democracy of the dead," by which he meant to remind the living that while we may be the church Visible and Militant, we are also the church on earth, and in the minority. It is easy to forget that fact as we go about our business being the Church Busy; indeed, the present-centeredness of the church may be its most consistent heresy.

--Peter J. Gomes, "All sinners, all saints," *Christian Century*, October 22, 1997, 941.

We would do well to remember the Christian character and virtues of generations long gone. Gomes goes on to say, "It is reassuring to know that those saints who went before us were aided by the very God whom they loved and served, and that this great cloud of witnesses is rooting for us now."

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, Thank You for loving me and being The Way that leads me to Heaven. May I follow Your Way faithfully and lovingly each day. Amen.