



Daily Reflections

April 25, 2018

Scripture

1 Peter 5: 5-14

Beloved:

Clothe yourselves with humility
in your dealings with one another, for:

God opposes the proud
but bestows favor on the humble.

So humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God,
that he may exalt you in due time.

Cast all your worries upon him because he cares for you.

Be sober and vigilant.

Your opponent the Devil is prowling around like a roaring lion
looking for someone to devour.

Resist him, steadfast in faith,
knowing that your brothers and sisters throughout the world
undergo the same sufferings.

The God of all grace
who called you to his eternal glory through Christ Jesus
will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you
after you have suffered a little.

To him be dominion forever. Amen.

I write you this briefly through Silvanus,
whom I consider a faithful brother,
exhorting you and testifying that this is the true grace of God.
Remain firm in it.

The chosen one at Babylon sends you greeting, as does Mark, my son.
Greet one another with a loving kiss.
Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

Our Scripture Reflection

Peter wrote his letter to a Church in Asia Minor whose members were obviously struggling with living the Christian faith. It has been said by many saints that the most dangerous of all the sins is pride which is the polar opposite of the most important virtue....humility. And what does humility mean?

1. There is a God
 2. It ain't me
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Food for your Journey

Our challenge today is not to resort to faith as a crutch because reason has stumbled, but rather to acknowledge that reason, in its long, arduous search, has come up short and that where it has stopped it has pointed beyond itself to answers that only faith can fulfill. In the face of the horror of the unspeakable, only such faith can provide the best truths to come to terms with evil, the highest courage to resist evil, the deepest love to care for those caught in its toils, and the profoundest hope of the prospect of a world beyond evil, beyond hatred, beyond oppression, and even beyond tears.

As ever, the choice is ours and so also will be the consequences.

—Os Guinness, *Unspeakable: Facing Up to the Challenge of Evil*. San Francisco: HarperCollins, 2005, 238.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, You are meek and humble of heart. Remove all the pride and arrogance that lies in my head and heart. Make me a humble servant of You and Your people. Amen