



# Daily Reflections

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## Scripture

**John 15: 26- 16:4**

Jesus said to his disciples:

"When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me.

And you also testify,

because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I have told you this so that you may not fall away.

They will expel you from the synagogues;

in fact, the hour is coming when everyone who kills you will think he is offering worship to God.

They will do this because they have not known either the Father or me.

I have told you this so that when their hour comes

you may remember that I told you."

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## Our Scripture Reflection

What Jesus prophecies certainly came to past. The early Christians were, indeed, forcibly removed from the traditional place of worship, the synagogue. Zealous Jews slaughtered many a Christian and their families all in the name of wiping out idolatry. However, rather than destroy Christianity, the Holy Spirit multiplied its numbers and caused it to spread to the then-known ends of the earth, Rome. As Paul would write in Romans 8: "If God is for us who then can be against us?"

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## **Food for your Journey**

Writing from a hospital bed, Robin Johnson says: "Presently I am in the hospital. I have been here eight days. Throughout these eight days I have been in contact with one angel. When you have a close relationship with God you can recognize God at work in your life and in the lives of others. Nurse Kathy turned around my attitude and my physical recovery by her care." Johnson's point is that when you're guided by the Holy Spirit, God will use you, perhaps a guide, or what she calls an angel, to help others.

--Robin Johnson

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Precious Lord, It seems that the persecution of Your Way has never really ended. To this day people are being martyred for their faith. In our own country as the number of believers declines, there are those who are hostile towards and who seek to do harm to Your Holy Church. Watch over and protect us, Lord, and help us to remain strong and faithful to You. Amen