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Scripture

Matthew 11: 25-27
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 the childlike.
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."

Our Scripture Reflection

Never in our history have Americans had so much stuff and so many options of things to do with our stuff. Yet so many people are miserable. So many people require medications for anxiety and depression just to make it through the day. Why? We will only find meaning in life when we turn our life completely over to God in humility and trust. Please read and listen to the words of Our Lord’s prayer in today’s Gospel reading. He offers us a prayer that we need to memorize and make our own.

Food for your Journey
The John DuPont story, which as I write is beginning to unfold, exemplifies the "been-there, done-that" weariness. The heir to the incredible DuPont fortune, this 50-something multimillionaire was forcefully removed from his 800-acre estate and charged with murder in the gunning down of an Olympic wrestler.

The DuPont story reminded me of Howard Hughes. When Hughes' emaciated body was removed from the Acapulco Princess Hotel, there were no personal belongings other than a movie screen, projector and sound system. His poor relatives had to buy one of the world's richest men some burial clothes. "He was the epitome of what the American dream had become in the latter half of the 20th century -- wealth beyond comprehension, the unbridled power implicit in such wealth, the mindless thrust of unleashed technology. His money had fertilized industrial plants that pushed U.S. science into new frontiers, put a camera on the moon and sent communication satellites orbiting above the world. But he himself could hardly communicate with anyone. In the end, the money overwhelmed him and all those who held it in awe; in the end, his life funneled down to a small, darkened bedroom where his wealth served no purpose except to buy him the total seclusion that his autistic existence required."


A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, Help me to learn the way of Your Son and all the Saints who followed His way throughout history. May I make an act of humble surrender to You this day by turning my life completely over to You. In doing so may I experience the Peace that this world could never give. Amen