



# Daily Reflections

## December 30, 2020

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### Scripture

#### **Luke 2:36-40**

There was a prophetess, Anna,  
the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher.  
She was advanced in years,  
having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage,  
and then as a widow until she was eighty-four.  
She never left the temple,  
but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer.  
And coming forward at that very time,  
she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child  
to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.  
When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions  
of the law of the Lord,  
they returned to Galilee,  
to their own town of Nazareth.  
The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him.

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### Our Scripture Reflection

What a novel idea: Dedicating one's life completely to God.  
That is exactly what the Prophetess Anna did. For 84 years she waited in the Temple precincts,  
fasting, praying and waiting on the Lord. On that amazingly wonderful day when Baby Jesus  
was presented in the Temple, Anna's waiting was fulfilled. She received a privileged glimpse of  
her salvation!

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## **Food for your Journey**

When you love you should not say, "God is in my heart," but rather, "I am in the heart of God."  
And think not you can direct the course of love, for love, if it finds you worthy, directs your course.

—Kahlil Gibran, *The Prophet* (Knopf, 1923), 13.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Gracious Father, How impatient I can be when it comes to waiting for Your plan for me to be fulfilled. The Prophetess Anna is a real role model for me in terms of my need to be humble and trusting. Help me, Lord, in the new year to learn to wait on You with trust and hope. Amen