



Lenten

Reflections

The Divine Intervention

March 7, 2017

Scripture

Matthew 6:7-15

Jesus said to his disciples:

"In praying, do not babble like the pagans,
who think that they will be heard because of their many words.

Do not be like them.

Your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

"This is how you are to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy Kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

"If you forgive men their transgressions,

your heavenly Father will forgive you.

But if you do not forgive men,

neither will your Father forgive your transgressions."

Our Scripture Reflection

Jesus teaches His disciples, and us, the most important prayer in our Christian tradition, The Lord's Prayer. He tells us to be direct, to the point and to address God as Father. Isn't it interesting that the Aramaic word that Jesus used for Father, "Abba", literally translates into English as "Daddy". In doing this, Jesus invites us to share intimately into the life of Our God as He does. Please remember this the next time you think your prayer is just not what it should be.

Food for your Journey

Forgiving and being reconciled are not about pretending that things are other than they are. It is not patting one another on the back and turning a blind eye to the wrong. True reconciliation exposes the awfulness, the abuse, the pain, the degradation, the truth. It could even sometimes make things worse. It is a risky undertaking but in the end, it is worthwhile, because in the end dealing with the real situation helps to bring real healing. Spurious reconciliation can bring only spurious healing.

—Desmond Tutu.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear and loving Father, Thank You for sending me the gift of Your only Son, Jesus. He gave His life for my salvation. May I show my gratitude for This precious gift by living a holy life. Amen.