

LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY

Praying Christian Virtues – Session 10

Christian Perseverance

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PERSEVERANCE

Perseverance is the virtue which sticks to the good, through thick and thin, even to the end. It strengthens the soul to overcome the long-range difficulties of the continuous and consistent practice of the virtuous life. Patience bears present evils; perseverance is a strung-out patience, which bears all the evils of life. One of the great enemies of spiritual progress is “weariness in well-doing,” the collapse of the soul under the continuous pressure of problems of life. Perseverance helps us to overcome this boredom and monotony, helps us to stick to the task, regardless of the difficulty. It is opposed by defect by the softness of the quitter, and by excess of obstinacy and pertinacity, which drives a man along a certain course of conduct even though common sense tells him he should abandon it and try another line.

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DAILY PRAYER

(15 minutes of daily prayer)

BEG FOR THE GRACE: To persevere in loving God passionately, remembering His passionate love for me.

1. Psalm 23: 1-6 The Lord, Shepherd and Host.
2. 2 Timothy 1: 8-14 Bear your share of hardship for the gospel.
3. Luke 2: 22-38 The Presentation in the Temple.
4. Luke 18: 1-8 The Parable of the Persistent Widow.
5. John 16: 1-15 Jesus' Departure.
6. Matthew 13: 24-30 The Parable of the Weeds among the Wheat

On Sundays pray with the Sunday Gospel.