
Prayer

Holy God, bless us in our time together

so that we will be doing your will in everything we do.

Help us to put aside our pride and ego

that seeks only what we want,

so that we can be filled with your Spirit that leads us to want what you want.

Hear us in silence as we center ourselves in you and ask you to guide us this evening...



Thomas Merton, *Thoughts in Solitude*

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

Reflection Questions:

- What do you hear in this passage about hearing and following God?
 - What does this passage teach us about how we are called to lead the church?
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