

## Day Eight: The Gift of Wisdom

### Opening Songs:

#### Our God

Water You turned into wine Opened the eyes of the blind  
There's no one like You None like You

Into the darkness You shine Out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You None like You

Our God is greater Our God is stronger God You are higher than any other  
Our God is healer Awesome in power our God our God

And if our God is for us Then who could ever stop us  
And if our God is with us Then what could stand against  
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(Then) what could stand against

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#### God You're So Good

God you're so good! God you're so good! God, you're so good you're  
so good to me!

**Pray:**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.

And you shall renew the face of the earth.

**Prayer to the Holy Spirit:**

On my knees I, before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, offer myself, soul and body to you, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of your purity, the unerring keenness of your justice and the might of your love. You are the strength and light of my soul. In you I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve you by unfaithfulness to grace and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against you. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for your light, and listen to your voice, and follow your gracious inspirations. I cling to you and give myself to you and ask you by your compassion to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced feet of Jesus and looking at his five wounds, and trusting in his Precious Blood and adoring his opened side and stricken heart, I implore you, Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, to keep me in your grace that I may never sin against you. Give me grace O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son to say to you always and everywhere, "Speak Lord for your servant is listening." Amen

**Saint Intercession: St. Marianne Cope** (1838-1918) answered the call of the king of Hawaii to bring her Sisters to Hawaii and serve the lepers alongside St. Damien of Molokai. Though many feared the disease then thought to be extremely contagious, Marianne assured her Sisters that not one of them would contract it. Through strict hygiene practices and a good amount of grace, the Sisters worked with the lepers of Molokai for nearly a century without one of them contracting the terrible disease.

**L:** St. Marianne Cope **All:** Pray for us.

**Pope Francis shares**

"Unity is beyond all conflict. Unity is a grace that we must ask of the Lord so he may save us from the temptations of division, from internal struggles and selfish-ness, from gossip. How much damage gossip does! How much damage! Never gossip about others, never! How much damage divisions among Christians,

being partisan, narrow interests, causes to the Church! Divisions among us, but also divisions among the communities: evangelical Christians, orthodox Christians, Catholic Christians, but why divided? We must try to bring about unity. Let me tell you something, today, before leaving home, I spent 40 minutes more or less, half an hour, with an evangelical pastor. And we prayed together, seeking unity. But we Catholics must pray with each other and other Christians. Pray that the Lord gift us unity! Unity among ourselves! How will we ever have unity among Christians if we are not capable of having it among us Catholics...in the family, how many families fight and split up? Seek unity, unity builds the Church and comes from Jesus Christ. He sends us the Holy Spirit to build unity.” God our Father, your son Jesus Christ came into our world to heal us of all divisions and bring us life in abundance. By the power of your Spirit help us strive together as one family of many nations to help and serve those in greatest need in this crisis.

**Scripture Reading: Sirach 1:12 / 1 Corinthians 3:19-20**

The beginning of wisdom is fear of the Lord./ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He takes the wise in their craftiness and again the Lord knows the thoughts of the wise that they are vain.

**Response: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul, O my God**

Lord show your ways to me, teach me your paths and keep me in the ways of your truth, for you are the God that saves me

**Response: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul, O my God**

The Lord is so good, so holy; sinners find the way, and in all that is right he guides the humble. The poor he leads in his pathways

**Response: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul, O my God**

All day long I hope in your goodness. Remember your love, the love that you promised long ago, and the kindness that you gave from of old.

**Response: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul, O my God**

## **Reflection – Jane Guenther**

### **Wisdom**

The wisdom of God is contrary to the wisdom of the world. The Holy Spirit's gift of wisdom helps us detach from the world and cherish only what is of heaven. This wisdom used in everyday life, is what separates us from our old pre-converted ways.

### **Pray: Hail Mary, Our Father and 7 Glory Be's**

**Meditation:** Gentle breathe in God's Spirit, that Spirit which if not barred out by selfishness, will enable you to do good works. This means rather, that God will be able to do good works through you. May we in harmony with the Spirit seek to pray for the healing of all those affected by the Coronavirus and the grief that is in each persons heart. May the gift of wisdom guide us.

### **Final Prayer:**

Come and fill me, O Spirit of Wisdom, and reveal to my soul the mysteries of heavenly things in their exceeding greatness, power and beauty. Teach me to love them above and beyond all the passing joys and satisfactions of earth and prefer Your wisdom over the so called wisdom of this world. Help me to grow in your wisdom over the so called wisdom of this world. Help me to grow in your wisdom, especially during temptations, trials, and all the daily challenges that I face. Amen.

## **Closing Song:**

### Fragrance Prayer

Dear Jesus Help me to spread your fragrance Ev'rywhere that I go  
Dear Jesus Flood my soul with your spirit and your love

Penetrate and possess my being so utterly  
That all my life may only be a radiance of you

Shine through me and be so in me  
That ev'ry soul I come in contact with May feel your presence in my soul

Let them look up and see no longer me But only you my Jesus  
Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine  
As you shine so to shine as to be a light to all

Dear Jesus (flood my soul)  
Dear Jesus (flood my soul) Dear Jesus