

**Reflection - God knows**  
**By Minnie Haskins**

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied ' Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God that shall be to you better than light And safer than a known way!'

So I went forth and finding the Hand of God trod gladly Into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East. So heart be still what need our little life our human life to know, If God hath comprehension?

In all the dizzy strife of things both high and low, God hideth his intention. God knows. His will is best. The stretch of years which wind ahead, so dim to Our imperfect vision, Are clear to God. Our fears Are premature; In him all time hath full provision.

Then rest: until God moves to lift the veil from our impatient eyes, when as the sweeter feature of life's stern face we hail, fair beyond all surmise God's thought around his creatures our minds shall fill.

**Common Prayers**

You are invited to share any prayers with those gathered. They can include anything.

**Final Prayers**

**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.  
Amen.

**Hail Mary**

Hail Mary  
Full of Grace  
The Lord is with you  
Blessed Art Thou among women  
And Blessed, is the fruit of your womb Jesus  
Holy Mary Mother of God  
Pray for our sinners now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.

**Glory Be**

Glory Be to the Father  
And to the Son  
And to the Holy Spirit.  
As it Was in the beginning.  
Is now and ever shall be  
World without End  
Amen.

# prayer and dinner



**Opening Prayer**

1. Be still and know I am God.

Listen to me and see

you're not alone in your journey.

Trust in yourself and trust in me.

Chorus:

Summoned by you,

summoned by love we come.

We are gathering to celebrate your word

O Lord.

Summoned by you,

summoned by love we come.

Our lives we give in offering

to you.



2. Be not afraid of the night.

Darkness shall not prevail.

My light will guide and make clear your way.

Tender and strong your heart

will stay.

3. Go now in faith and in peace.

Your life will be my sign.

Know deep within I am with you now,

now and until the end of time.

**Chinese Proverb**

- "To forget one's ancestors  
is to be a brook  
without a source,  
a tree without a root".

## Gospel

### Luke 13:22-30

Jesus passed through towns and villages,  
teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem.

Someone asked him,

“Lord, will only a few people be saved?”

He answered them,

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate,

for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter

but will not be strong enough.

After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door,

then will you stand outside knocking and saying,

‘Lord, open the door for us.’

He will say to you in reply,

‘I do not know where you are from.

And you will say,

‘We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.’

Then he will say to you,

‘I do not know where you are from.

Depart from me, all you evildoers!’

And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth

when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

and all the prophets in the kingdom of God

and you yourselves cast out.

And people will come from the east and the west

and from the north and the south

and will recline at table in the kingdom of God.

For behold, some are last who will be first,

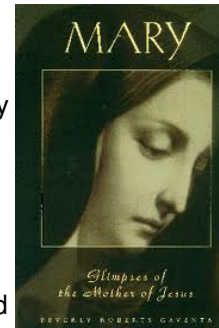
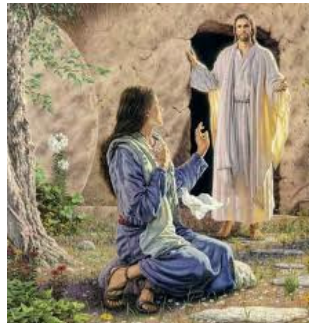
and some are first who will be last.”

## Feast of the Queenship of Mary

After the terrible destruction of World War II, Pope Pius XII proclaimed August 22 as the feast of the Queenship of Mary. It is not a day for Mary to be worshipped, rather it is a day upon which Mary is remembered for the hard life lived, the choices she made and the hope she embodies.

"It is not surprising that the early writers of the Church called Mary 'the Mother of the King' and 'the Mother of the Lord,' basing their stand on the words of St. Gabriel the archangel, who foretold that the Son of Mary would reign forever, [Lk. 1:32-3] and on the words of Elizabeth who greeted her with reverence and called her 'the Mother of my Lord.' [Lk. 1:43]"

If we pray with Mary and through her intercession, then we must follow through in our lives her style of faith and prayer. Mary was totally open to God's initiative, but she also accepted the responsibility of God's call with its costs and demands. There are practical, social and some times even political implications attached to our prayers of petition. We cannot pray for peace without getting involved in the structures and systems that contribute to peace. Prayer is not passive, waiting for something to happen. "We must pray as if everything depended on God and work as if everything depended on us' (Saint Augustine)



## Reflection - The Ascent of the Cross

### By St John of the Cross

To come to the pleasure you have not  
you must go by a way which you enjoy not.

~ *pause 10 seconds* ~

To come to a knowledge you have not  
you must go by a way which you know not.

~ *pause 10 seconds* ~

To come to a possession you have not  
you must go by the way which you possess not.

~ *pause 10 seconds* ~

To come to be what you are not  
you must go by the way which you are not.

### Discussion - Questions for discussion?

1. Why is the gate narrow?
2. Why does the Lord say, "I do not know you?"
3. Does Mary offer a back door to heaven?
4. If the last shall be first and first last, where do we fit?
5. How do we pray as if everything depended on God? Why? Give examples.
6. Why do people today struggle with seeing Mary as "the mother of my Lord"?
7. What is Saint John trying to teach us?
8. How do we get to heaven? Is Mary in heaven?