



Prayers Anchored in the Gospel of John

John 3:16-21

Saturday, March 1, 2014

* Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

* The Collect

Collecting your thoughts so you can focus on God.

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John 3:16-21 (NIV)

- * ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
- * ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.
- * ¹⁹ This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

* Each of us tend to connect with God in different ways. Some of the pathways that are common are:

- Nature
- Solitude
- Service to others
- Study
- Simplicity
- Liturgy or Symbolic Action
- Sharing deeply with others about God
- Art or Music
- Confronting Evil



* **Meditation**

- * Take some time today to connect with God in one of the pathways that you find more challenging.
- * Ask God to bless this time together with the gift and grace of his Holy Spirit.
- * Enjoy the freedom of walking in the light of the truth with Jesus today. Pray for patience and hope as grow into this new pathway (cf. Rom. 5:1-5).

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John 3:21

Father, we praise you for you are unfailing and steadfast love. You have offered to humanity, to each one of us, the gift of life everlasting in your Son, your only Son. You have not left us alone, but have poured out your own Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth.

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 **Blessing**