

Summer Pocket Prayers

ANYTHING CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED

It's never easy to be a student.
Every day brings more assignments until
it seems
that the hard work will never end.

I know I'd rather watch TV or listen to
records
many times when I sit down to study,
but please, Lord, help me to realize
that knowledge, like your love, can never
be lost.

Help me never to underestimate myself as
a student
because anything can be accomplished
with your guidance and love.
Let me be helpful and understanding
toward my fellow students,
and not judge them but radiate the same
love
you show us through your lasting mercy.
Amen.

Bill Starr



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MAY THE ROAD RISE TO MEET YOU,
 MAY THE WIND ALWAYS BE AT YOUR BACK,
 MAY THE SUN SHINE WARM UPON YOUR FACE,
 THE RAIN FALL SOFTLY ON YOUR FIELDS,
 AND UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN,
 MAY GOD HOLD YOU IN THE PALM OF HIS HANDS.

-IRISH BLESSING

DAY BY DAY
 St. Richard of Chichester

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ,
 For all the benefits and blessings
 which you have given me,
 For all the pains and insults
 which you have borne for me.
 Merciful Friend, Brother and Redeemer,
 May I know you more clearly,
 Love you more dearly,
 And follow you more nearly,
 Day by Day.

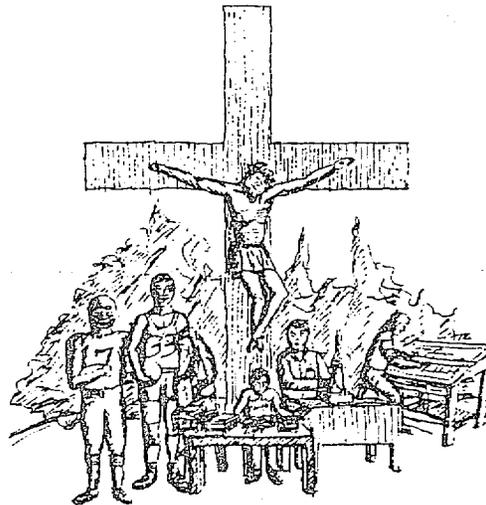
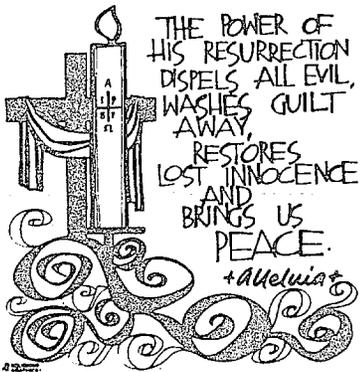
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GOD BE IN MY HEAD
 Sarum Primer, 1527

God be in my head
 and in my understanding.
 God be in my eyes
 and in my looking.
 God be in my mouth
 and in my speaking.
 God be in my heart
 and in my thinking.
 God be in my end
 and in my departing.

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*"The messianic age is at hand
 if we can SPEAK KINDLY,
 LOVE COMPASSIONATELY,
 PROTECT COURAGEOUSLY,
 RECEIVE EVEN THE ALIEN
 WARMLY."*

- Carroll Stuhlmueller, C.P.



"Yo, Philistine! I'm bringing a rookie right-hander out of the bullpen."

CONTRITION

O God,
 I am sorry with my whole heart for all my
 sins
 because you are Good itself
 and sin is an offense against you.
 Therefore I firmly resolve,
 with the help of your grace, not to sin
 again and to avoid the occasions of sin.

THE ROAD AHEAD
Thomas Merton

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 that 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 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 will I 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.



AND PEACE AT LAST
John Henry Newman

May he support us all the day long,
till the shades lengthen
and evening comes
and the busy world is hushed
and the fever of life is over
and our work is done—
then in his mercy —
may he give us a safe lodging
and a holy rest
and peace at last.

EXAMINATIONS

John W. Vannorsdall

LORD,
it seems as though our lives
are one test after another,
weighing us in somebody's balance.

Save us from taking the coming tests
too seriously or too lightly,
but grant that we may reflect
the best of the work we've done
and the best of the teaching we've
received;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.