

# 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.

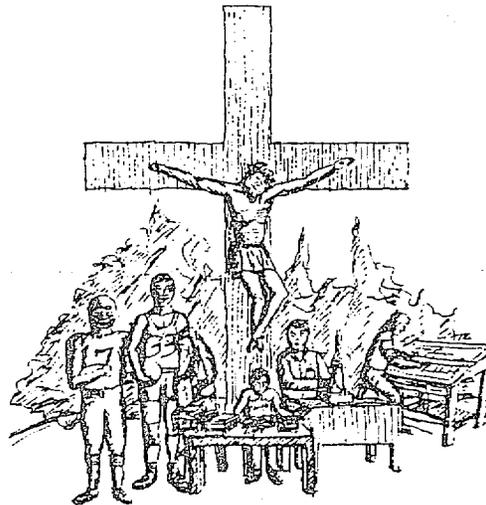
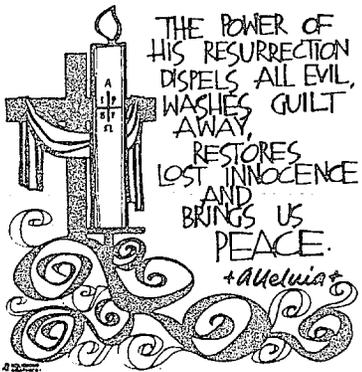
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GOD BE IN MY HEAD  
 Sarum Primer, 1527

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.

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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.