

Not Even Half An Hour?

Evidently you're very busy; hence the brief note today.

Remember the night Our Lord chided the Apostles: "Can you not watch one hour with Me?" Obviously, He thought they should be made of sterner stuff. But they were pretty much like ourselves, because the attendance at October Devotions, 4:30 till 5:30 daily, has been rather spotty, and leaves much to be desired.

The church is by no means crowded. And judging by the group that doesn't appear, most of you have nothing to pray for. Life is just perfect, or you are self-sufficient. Apparently God has given you everything you need. What a blessed existence!

Now it isn't that good, and you know it. But let us suppose you are in tiptop shape -- fit as the ten lepers whom Christ cured. Maybe it would be in order to spend a moment thanking Our Lord for all He has done for you. The lepers -- all but one -- had no time for thanks. Are you in the same category? Even the world labels such people ingrates!

And what of your family? Could they use the fruits of a Rosary? You must think that much of the father and mother generous enough to see you through Notre Dame. If you have a happy home, don't you want it to continue as such? If you don't -- all the more reason for a Rosary.

What of the world-wide unrest, the conflict in Korea where you are likely to spend a few months unless conditions improve. We have it on good authority -- from Our Lady no less -- that if enough of us pray the Rosary every day, the whole mess will be cleared up past all expectations of the UN, or any other peace-seeking group. And if you are fascinated by the prospect of 15 months in the front lines, it wouldn't exactly be a waste of your time to pray for protection there, and then the grace of a safe return!

Sometimes God finds it necessary to lay a heavy Hand of grief on our shoulders, in order to bring certain truths home to us -- or that we may not be lost forever-- or to get us to pray!

Time enough remains in October for you to store up strength against the day of temptation; time enough to give God a few moments of adoration; to thank Him, to express sorrow for past sins; to ask Him for what we need.

Prayers Requested: Deceased: Joseph Lauerman, '31; Jimmy Ryan; Robert Guiltinan, '50. Missing in Action (Korea) Myron Stouffer.

The Holy Cross Superior General, Very Reverend Christopher C'Toole, C.S.C., will address the K. of C. Council tonight at 7:30 in the Walsh Hall Chambers.