

Vocation Reflections November 2021

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Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger, SSND Foundress:

Must it not be obvious to anyone who quietly looks upon the matter how wonderfully divine providence disposes all for the best of those who strive to bring about good perseveringly, with love and fidelity? Yes, truly, God is love.

(Letter #1860, 1855)



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Remembering God's Action in our Lives

In this month of November, we are invited to give thanks, to remember how God has blessed us and been present in our lives. Often in discernment we can feel restless, feeling drawn toward God, desiring to serve some purpose greater than ourselves and desiring to do so in community with others, but not sure exactly what that means for us. Where is God calling me? In what way is God calling me to help bring about God's reign, to serve the greater good in community with others? There are so many possibilities...

One way to be attentive to how God might be speaking to your heart and calling at this moment in your life is to remember the ways God has acted, spoken and led you in your life up until now. Remembering those moments, those patterns of God's action in your life, can help you to trust that God is present and active in your life and discernment today, even in those moments when it feels like God leaves you to muddle around in uncertainty. It can remind you to be attentive and to look for those small signs, those quiet whispers, those seemingly insignificant moments that when considered more carefully offer insight, hope, and direction. The psalmists and other Old Testament writers show us the way.

*Do not forget the things your eyes have seen, nor let them slip
from your heart all the days of your life. Deuteronomy 4:9*

**I remember the days gone before,
I ponder on all you have done; I
muse on what you have wrought.
To you I stretch out my hands.**

Psalm 143: 5-6

**I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my
heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing
the praises of your name, O Most High.**

Psalm 9: 2-3

*For you, O God, are my hope, my trust O God, from my youth.
Upon you I have learned from my birth; from my mother's womb
you claimed me. I praise you forever and ever. Psalm 71:5-6*
