

WHAT DO YOU WANT OF ME, LORD?¹

VIDEO REFLECTION: **Make Me Holy** – Father Rob Galea

I come before You, with a desire Lord for more, with a will that wants me holy, but a body that so poor.

To change into Your image, to be holier each day, with the strength to remain thirsty, and the courage to prevail.

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With all my heart I pray Lord, do whatever it takes, to strip away my weakness, and help me find Your grace.

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PRAYER:

LEADER A: What does our Lord want of us?

The Lord asks everything of us, and in return He offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. **He wants us to be saints** and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence.

LEADER B: He wants us to live our lives with love and bear witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves.

He wants us to **be holy**.



¹ The text of this prayer (and the slideshow) are direct quotes taken from Pope Francis' 2018 exhortation: *Gaudete et Exsultate* (Rejoice and Be Glad)

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P1: To allow Him to lay hold of our weakness and send us on mission.

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P2: To cling to Him and put all our charisms at the service of others.

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P3: To spend our lives in His service compelled by His love.

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P4: To know that God bends down and uses us, you and me, to be His love and His compassion in the world.

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P5: To know that He depends on us to love the world and to show how much He loves it.

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P6: To be far from being timid, morose, acerbic or melancholy, or putting on a dreary face.

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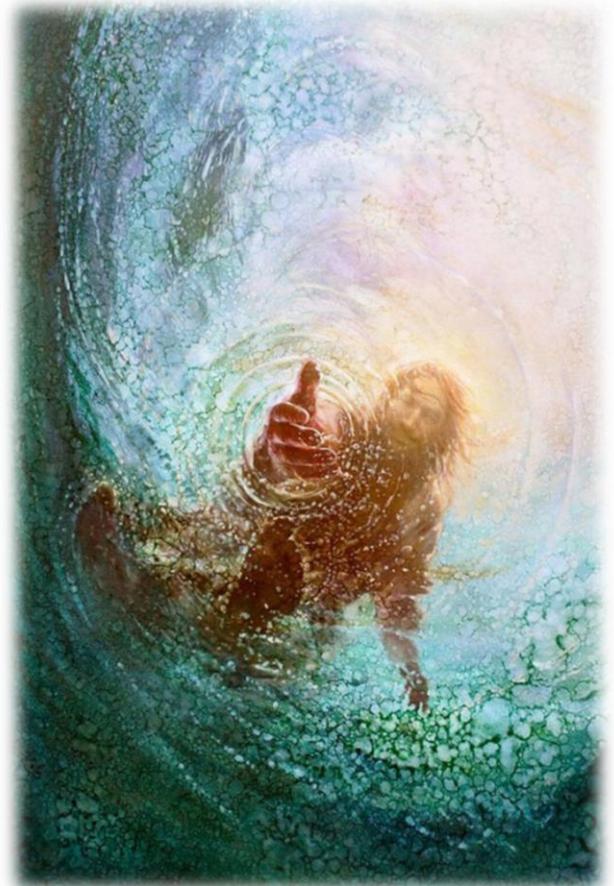
P7: To be joyful, full of good humour, and to radiate a positive and hopeful spirit.

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P8: To allow Him to draw us out of our shell and change our lives, then we can do as Saint Paul tells us: "Rejoice in the Lord always; I say it again, rejoice!" (*Phil 4:4*).

LEADER A: What does our Lord want of us?

ALL: **TO BE HOLY.**





LEADER B: Jesus explained with great simplicity what it means to be holy when He gave us the Beatitudes (cf. *Mt* 5:3-12; *Lk* 6:20-23). The Beatitudes are like a Christian's identity card. So, if anyone asks: "What must one do to be a good Christian?", the answer is clear in the Sermon on the Mount.

LEADER A: Let us allow Jesus' words to unsettle us, to challenge us and to demand a real change in the way we live.

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P9: **Be poor of heart: that is holiness.**

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P10: **React with meekness and humility: that is holiness.**

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P11: **Know how to mourn with others: that is holiness.**

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P12: **Hunger and thirst for righteousness: that is holiness.**

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P13: **See and act with mercy: that is holiness.**

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P14: **Keep a heart free of all that tarnishes love: that is holiness.**

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P15: **Sow peace all around you: that is holiness.**

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P16: **Do not abandon the path of love but remain ever open to God's supernatural grace: that is holiness.**

LEADER B: What does our Lord want of us?

ALL: **TO BE HOLY.**

LEADER A: Mary lived the Beatitudes of Jesus as none other.

She is that woman who rejoiced in the presence of God, treasured everything in her heart, and let herself be pierced by the sword.

LEADER B: Mary is the saint among the saints, blessed above all others.

She teaches us the way of holiness and she walks ever at our side.

Let us pray to be humble like Mary so we can be holy like Jesus:

ALL: **HAIL MARY ...**

BLESSING:

LEADER A: And like Mary, may we accept the invitation to “be holy”, but “each in his or her own way”. May we discern our own paths, bringing out the very best of ourselves, the most personal gifts that God has placed in our hearts. (cf. *1 Cor 12:7*)

LEADER B: May the Holy Spirit fill us with His power and free us from our weakness, our selfishness, our complacency and our pride.

May the Holy Spirit pour out upon us a fervent longing to be saints for God’s greater glory, and let us encourage one another in this effort.

ALL: **IN THIS WAY, WE WILL SHARE A HAPPINESS THAT THE WORLD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE FROM US.**



LEADER A: May the spirit of holiness fill both our solitude and our service, our personal life and our evangelizing efforts, so that every moment can be an expression of self-sacrificing love in our Lord’s eyes.

ALL: **IN THIS WAY, EVERY MINUTE OF OUR LIVES CAN BE A STEP ALONG THE PATH TO HOLINESS. AMEN.**