Teach me, O Lord!

Dearest sisters and brothers in Christ,

We are so blessed to be able to make our Lord the center of our lives. Who better to learn from than our Lord? As we go through our days, let us continually open up to hear God's voice. May we pray for each other that the music of our lives, are manifestations of God's holy words and His embrace that reminds us that we are deeply loved and cherished. May we use our lives actively to share that beautiful music of God's holy teaching and mission for us as a symphony that brings joy, compassion, love, and recognition to others, as our Lord teaches us through His examples and ultimate wisdoms.

"Teach me your ways, O Lord." Psalm 25:4

May we use our God-given light to illuminate the lives of all those who fear, struggle and feel pain. We are connected by delicate threads of our humanity. We all experience fear, resistance to change, challenges, sadness and lack of compassion. This is our common bond as children of God. We can all connect in ways that show the world that Christ is always present, in sadness and in joy, in conflict and in clarity, in war and in peace. Let us pray for peace, compassion and the courage to make light the load others carry.

May we use our lives in service. This is what Shakespeare meant when he used the term "twice blessed"; giving to lessen someone else' burden (blessing once) and blessed (again) as we engage and refill our cups, in the service of our Lord. May we magnify our blessings from God by humbly sharing with respect and gratitude. We'd all like to be in a position to give, rather than, need. But the beauty of existence is in that synapse of experience we all get to be human! It's one of our Lord's most wonderful teachings as He too experienced the wounds of the flesh and the sufferings of the human heart. Let us pray in thanksgiving for all the beautiful and profound lessons offered to us by Christ! May you be ever blessed as you share with all those that God sends along our path, in His Holy Name. *Amen.*

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