

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN - STORY



I ask for what I desire as we begin this topic



I pray that my entire being become open to God's grace



I imagine these texts being addressed to me, and note my response

Grace: That I find a purposeful plan to put time on and to be guided by the Spirit

And already at this time they were all resolved on what they were to do, namely, to go to Venice and Jerusalem and to spend their lives in what was beneficial to souls. And if permission was not given them to remain in Jerusalem, they were to return to Rome and present themselves to Christ's vicar, so that he could employ them wherever he judged to be more for the glory of God and the good of souls. They had also planned to wait a year in Venice for the passage, and if there was no passage that year to the East, they would be freed from the Jerusalem vow and would go to the Pope etc.

In the end the pilgrim allowed himself to be persuaded by the companions, and also because those who were Spaniards had some matters of business to do which he could settle. And the agreement was that once he felt well again he would go and do their matters of business, and then cross to Venice and wait for the companions there. This was the year 1535, and the companions were to leave, according to the agreement, in the year 1537, on the feast of the conversion of St Paul, though in fact they left in November 1536 because of the wars that came along.

Autobiography of Saint Ignatius [85-86]

Come, You Spirit of Quiet.

Guide me into your Stillness that I might hear in myself the Word you speak...

Come You Spirit of Breath, breathe your breath into my thoughts, into my feelings.

Come and take your place in me.

My Lord and my God, take from me everything that distances me from you. My Lord and my God, give me everything that brings me closer to you.

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Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"— yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."

James 14:13

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. Do I have my "house in order" to be able to plan a future for myself and those around me? What are my other options if my plans fail?
2. Who is guiding your personal life plan?